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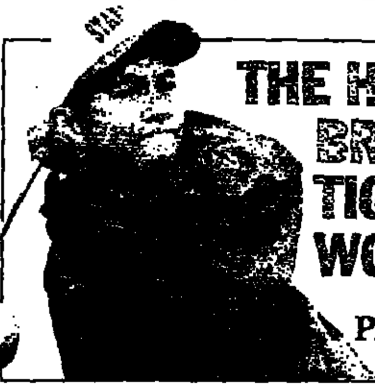

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Labour 'prepared to be isolated'

Blair echoes Tory threat to disrupt EU

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND POLLY NEWTON

JOHN MAJOR and Tony Blair yesterday threatened to block a treaty reforming the European Union unless action is taken to prevent foreign trawlers plundering British fishing grounds.

The Labour leader was accused of another policy U-turn and of following in Mr Major's footsteps after saying that he was prepared to disrupt the Amsterdam summit where an updated version of the Maastricht treaty is due to be signed in June. "Where Britain's interests are at stake we are perfectly prepared to be isolated," he said.

As European fisheries ministers met in Luxembourg to approve conservation measures that could force a one third reduction in the UK fleet, the issue dominated election campaigning. Labour's line toughened as the day went on, while Paddy Ashdown said that he would scrap the common fisheries policy and reshape it with regional administration.

Mr Blair's remarks prompted Mr Major to claim that Labour had made another policy change between breakfast and lunch. "They change every day and everything. For them nothing is sacred." The stance was "a knee-jerk reaction of a party intellectually at sea grabbing at policy initiatives like a drowning man at a life-belt".

Mr Major had earlier been campaigning in marginal Tory seats in Cornwall, where fishermen have been hit hardest by quota-hopping, the practice by which foreign vessels quite legally buy up British fish licences and take a share of the UK catch allowance.

He said: "The inter-governmental conference won't come to a successful conclusion until we are satisfied that among other objectives the problem of quota-is resolved satisfactorily. It can't come to a solution without unanimity."

British ministers are determined to remove 150 foreign-owned ships, mostly Spanish, from the register of British fishing boats. They claim that that would offer greater opportunities for British fishermen and help to conserve stocks.

In an early morning BBC interview Gavin Strang, Labour's agriculture spokesman, said that his party had not ruled out refusing to agree conclusions in Amsterdam because the cuts were "utterly unacceptable". A similar line was taken by Gordon Brown at his morning news conference, although he claimed that Labour was more capable of getting decisions in Europe "because we are more positive about our negotiating stand".

Then Mr Blair told BBC Radio 4's *World at One* programme that he was prepared to be isolated in Europe if British interests were at stake. "We certainly have not ruled out holding up IGC business in order to get the right changes to fishing policy that are in Britain's interest," he said. "What we don't want is a repeat of the Conservative disasters over BSE and the beef war where they thumped the table and had all sorts of tough rhetoric but got absolutely nothing done."

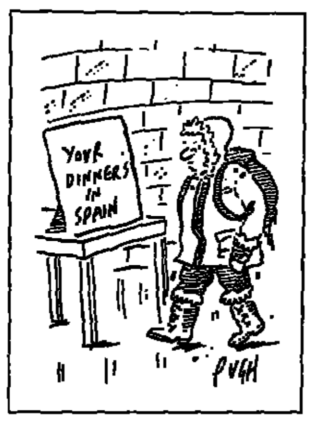
"We don't want vacuous sabre-rattling. We are perfectly prepared to take a very tough line on this indeed. But we've got to make sure the tough line works. What the fishing industry in the West Country needs is a Government that will stand up for British interest, fight hard for them and win."

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, led the new U-turn charges, saying: "Tony Blair has said he's quite happy that Britain should be isolated in Europe if that is necessary to protect Britain's interests. A year or so ago he said 'Under my leadership I will never allow Britain to be isolated in Europe'. How can you trust somebody who says one thing during the election which is totally different to what he said a year ago?"

Mr Blair had said that he would be prepared to use Britain's veto over fisheries, said Mr Rifkind. "Yet we have in the Labour manifesto a clear proposal to abandon British veto in half-a-dozen different areas. How can he use the veto on one occasion when he's proposing to abandon it simultaneously?"

Mr Ashdown said: "What we are seeing from the Prime Minister and the Conservatives is a replay of the futile and fatuous beef war, in which you bluster at home for political purposes and end up backing down abroad — a replay of BSE with fish." The Common Fisheries Policy had been a disaster, but only the Liberal Democrats were committed to its abolition.

In Luxembourg, the Spanish fish minister Loyola de Palacio fuelled the controversy by making clear that she would fight all the way to safeguard Spain's right to register boats in Britain — in spite of British complaints that the practice was intolerable. "I respect the free market," she declared.



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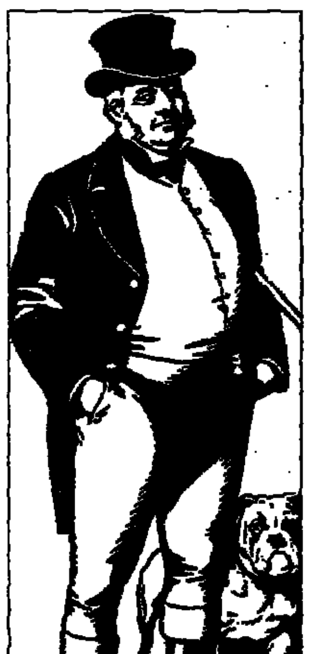
Fitz, Labour's new political star, a three-year-old bulldog — a none-too-bright breed that Europe wants banned

Fitz off his leash for Labour

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT



John Bull and bulldog: white supremacist duo

THE British bulldog will tonight make a dramatic comeback as the symbol of the nation's fighting spirit in a daring attempt by Labour to steal the patriotic high ground from the Tories.

A three-year old bulldog called Fitz is the star of Labour's latest party election broadcast which attempts to hammer home the message that Britain can do better under Labour.

The bulldog, with its Churchillian associations, will be paraded as the image of New Labour in what some may regard as the ultimate U turn. Labour strategists have turned a blind eye to the fact that the Referendum Party have already used a bulldog in their cinema advertising and that the European Commission has been reputedly trying to ban the breed because it has too many physical defects.

They have refused to learn the lesson of King, the lion used by the Conservatives to portray John Major as the lionheart of Europe — now to be found on the cutting floor because he was too much of a wimp.

But Peter Mandelson, Labour's campaign manager is unashamedly hooked on the animal. "I love the bulldog. I think the public will love it." Asked whether it would be used again in the campaign, he smiled, adding: "I think they will demand more of it."

He brushed aside references to Churchill with "next question" as he went on to explain why the bulldog is now in Labour's possession. "The Labour Party is the patriotic party. New Labour is the party of one nation and the bulldog is a way of saying this. It is an animal with a strong sense of history and tradition. But like Britain today it is tired and without direction."

The election broadcast starts with the bulldog looking heavy, tired, listless and bored. It sinks to the ground, its huge head buried in a morass of muscle and fat, as if never to be stirred again.

But the film than switches to Tony Blair, sporting the short hair cut typical of someone 20 years younger, talking about how he has transformed the party. As he starts talking about law and order — "we will be tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime" — Fitz pricks up his ears and leaps to his feet as if this is the first time he has heard the slogan.

As the Labour leader starts talking about health and education, Fitz starts straining at the leash raring to go. "£100 million on cutting waiting lists

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Holiday airlines shamed into flying on time

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

HOLIDAYMAKERS are being offered a charter airline punctuality league table to help them to avoid spending frustrating hours in overcrowded airports.

While some charter carriers suffered only short delays during last summer's peak holiday period, others routinely kept passengers waiting for hours, according to an official airline watchdog.

Now for the first time the CAA-funded Air Transport Users Council (AUC) has published a league table in the hope of shaming some carriers into improve their timekeeping.

"The public has the right to this information," said Ian Hamer, the council's chairman. "The figures show a huge difference in performance between airlines. Only one flight in 20 is delayed by more than an hour on the best airline. But on the worst, two out of every three flights are an hour late and the average delay is almost three hours.

"We want people to realise there is more to choosing a holiday than the closeness of the hotel to the beach. If you choose the wrong airline the chances are you will spend a day of your holiday in airport departure lounges."

According to the AUC the most punctual airline is the Spanish-owned Viva, part of the Iberia Group, closely followed by British Midland and British Airways, both of whom often supply jets on short-term contracts to package holiday companies. Significantly all three are an integral part of a large scheduled airline organisation.

Bottom of the table is the Belgian airline Challenge Air, which has a staff of 72 and two leased McDonnell Douglas DC 10-30 tri-jets. Last summer

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Atherton leads Ashes fight

Michael Atherton was reappointed England cricket captain for this summer's Test and one-day series against Australia. He should break Peter May's 41-Test captaincy record at Lord's. Alec Stewart was named England player of the year.......... **Page 52**

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Terry Marsh stands down

Terry Marsh, the former boxer, has stood down as the Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate for Basildon in Essex after being charged with obtaining property and a service by deception.

Mr Marsh, 39, said last night that he would vigorously defend himself. The charges relate to tuition fees and a grant application made by him while he was a student between May 1995 and December 1996. He is expected to appear before Thames magistrates on May 20.

Millions in South facing curbs as water firms draw up drought plan

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BLANKET water restrictions affecting millions of people in southeast and southern England are being drawn up by water companies under a new emergency agreement to fight the drought.

Talks between the Government's Environment Agency and several of the key water firms have been held to head off widespread damage to rivers, streams and wetlands. The plan calls for the simultaneous phasing in of restrictions, such as sprinkler and hosepipe bans, even in areas where supplies are still relatively bountiful.

The agency and companies believe co-ordinated action is becoming vital to save wildlife, rivers and streams as they confront the driest two-year period for more than 200 years. Aquifer levels are at a record low in many places, and rivers, including the Thames, are running dry.

Until now, water companies have introduced sprinkler and hosepipe bans on a company-by-company basis rather than regionally. They believe that the new strategy will reduce customer anger and help water companies to avoid a political and customer backlash after three years of drought.

Rain this winter has failed to replenish underground supplies. Across England, all but one of 33 major rivers are suffering, with some at less than a third of their average depth. April has seen hardly a drop of rain in southern and southeast England.

Ray Tennant, chairman of the Water Companies Association who has been in talks with the agency, said yesterday: "We are getting to danger levels. If the Thames drops any more, there could be real problems as there are so many big intakes from north of Reading down to London."

The news comes as Sutton and East Surrey disclosed that it was poised to bring in a sprinkler ban in the Banstead, Carshalton and Sutton areas covering around 250,000 people. The move underlines how, even in areas where anti-leakage standards are high, drought conditions are undermining supplies. Sutton and East Surrey leaks about 15 per cent of its supply from the mains, making it the most leak-proof firm in England and Wales. This compares with Thames Water, which leaks more than 35 per cent of its water.

Yesterday the company said that sprinkler bans could be invoked within two weeks. "The only thing that could delay the decision is heavy and steady rainfall. But the weatherman are not talking about rainfall," a spokesman said. The move, which is being carried out independently, is expected to coincide with the launch of the new regional strategy.

Mr Tennant, also a senior director at Mid Southern and also South East water company, said: "We think that if all the companies in a region act at the same time, it will indicate that it is not so much incompetence of a single water company, but a more general situation. It should stop people picking us off one by one."

The strategy was near to being agreed and a decision should be made this month. "We are pretty close to this approach for both the Southern and the Thames region. With the backing of the Environment Agency, people will realise this is an environmental rather than economically driven thing," he said.

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McColgan gives girl of 5 her marathon medal

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

A LITTLE girl was yesterday proudly showing her schoolfriends the London Marathon runners-up medal given her by Liz McColgan only minutes after the race.

In a rare moment of emotion in the harsh world of international athletics, McColgan swapped her prize for a Daffy Duck medal from a cereal packet that Alexandra Sandercock was planning to give her mother at the end of the race on Sunday. The five-year-old was so upset at the international athlete's defeat she gave it to her instead.

McColgan, who was beaten by one second by Joyce Chepchumba of Kenya, who finished in 2 hours, 26 minutes and 51 seconds, said yesterday: "I don't know who she was but she came out of nowhere and said I had run a great race and wanted to give me something. She offered me her Daffy Duck medal and I said 'Thank you very much.' I felt I had let everyone down and it clearly meant so much to her.

"She hung it around my neck and I gave her a kiss. So I gave her my trophy in return. I had not even looked at it, someone had just hung it round my neck."

The former world 10,000 metres champion said that Alexandra reminded her of her own daughter Eilish, who is also five. "She had blonde hair and was wearing a little pinafore.

"I couldn't believe it. She looked so innocent. It was such a beautiful gesture from such a young girl."

Alexandra's mother, Theresa, 32, who ran her first marathon — in 4 hours 54 minutes — to raise money for the Royal National Institute for the Blind, said: "Alexandra had brought the medal all the way from our home to give to me at the end. But I still got a medal as an official finisher. It's smaller than for second place and I am not surprised since Liz ran twice as fast as me.

"Alexandra was telling everyone on the way home that she had got Liz's medal and she went to bed with it on her pillow alongside her teddy bears. She has not let it out of her sight since she received it."

Her father, Kevin, who was looking after Alexandra during Sunday's marathon, said yesterday: "Thanks to Liz my daughter is on cloud nine. Never in a million years did we expect this to happen."

Alexandra took the trophy to Bromsberrow St Mary's Church of England primary school, in Ledbury, Herefordshire, to show the other pupils and, last night, she went to bed with Liz's medal still safely beside her.

☐ The man who died during the marathon has been named as James Herbert, 44, from Plymouth.

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Liz McColgan and Alexandra swap their medals

SIMON BRIDGER

Alexandra with the medal yesterday. "It was a beautiful gesture," said McColgan

Ulster's BSE-free claim at risk

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

ULSTER'S claim to be able to guarantee that its beef comes from herds free from BSE has been undermined by allegations of widespread fraud in farm subsidies. Police have been asked to investigate reports that farmers have been illegally claiming headage subsidies on thousands of imported beef cattle which are not eligible for aid.

Northern Ireland prides itself on its computerised cattle database which supposedly makes it possible to trace every animal to its farm of origin. This should enable officials to guarantee that animals have never passed through a herd with "mad cow" disease.

Because no other part of Britain has such a system, farmers in Ulster have argued that they should be the first to benefit from any relaxation of the European Union ban on British beef exports.

A spokesman for the Department of Agriculture in Northern Ireland said: "We are aware that subsidies may have been improperly claimed on some animals, though not on anything like the scale claimed. One official in the department has been suspended and the Royal Ulster Constabulary has been asked to look into the allegations."

According to press reports in Northern Ireland, headage subsidies worth £18 to £19 each may have been illegally claimed on up to 25,000 cattle. Those involved in the scam are alleged to have imported the animals from the Republic of Ireland and removed the animals' identification ear tags, replacing them with "recycled" tags issued by the Northern Ireland authorities.

Greer McCollum, the president of the Ulster Farmers' Union, said: "If anything like this is happening, it should be stamped out at once. Any illegal over-claiming of subsidy means that payments to all farmers will be reduced. The reports are grossly exaggerated. Without our computer tracing system, these irregularities would not have come to light so quickly, which shows the strength of the system."

Hopes rise for cancer vaccine

Evidence that a vaccine can produce immunity to cancer has come from an eight-year trial by researchers in the United States.

Using a genetically engineered vaccine on 18 patients seriously ill with kidney cancer, they found that there were measureable immune responses in every case, even though there were no signs of remission. Many died within a year of being treated.

The findings by a team from the Johns Hopkins Oncology Center in Baltimore, Maryland, are reported in the journal of Cancer Research, published today.

Head returns

A head teacher who was suspended after being accused of slapping two 9-year-olds will return to work today following a decision by the Crown Prosecution Service not to press charges. Kevin Crabb, head of Wawne Primary School, near Hull, which has 60 pupils, may still face disciplinary action.

Fire talks resume

Talks aimed at averting strikes by firefighters in Essex were adjourned last night and will resume today. Ken Cameron, general secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, met leaders of Essex County Council for more than five hours in an attempt to settle a dispute over £1.5 million of spending cuts.

Closed hearing

A High Court hearing of the case against Rune Hauge, the Norwegian football agent accused of alleged transfer irregularities, will be heard behind closed doors. Michael Sells, the judicial examiner, decided yesterday. Evidence will be recorded for use in his trial in Norway later this year.

Desert triumph

Chris Moon, 34, who lost his right arm and leg while clearing landmines in Mozambique, returned home to Richmond, southwest London, last night after completing the six-day, 137-mile Marathon of the Sands across the Sahara. He finished 283rd out of more than 350 starters, taking 47 hours.

Richard Clapham: an apology

Our report (March 8) about the RSPCA investigation into the treatment of horses at Blue House Farm, Mattingley, said that Richard Clapham, the son of the farm's owner, Jennifer Clapham, had been interviewed by police and faced prosecution for cruelty. This was incorrect. Mr Clapham was not interviewed by police and never faced any threat of prosecution We apologise for this error.

Britons in grenade blast hope for early return

By Lin Jenkins

TWO Britons who were hurt when they shielded their wives from a grenade blast in Addis Ababa are hoping to return home today.

John Bown and Blair Davies are recovering well after undergoing surgery for multiple shrapnel wounds. Janet Duff, a British Embassy nurse who visited them in hospital yesterday, said their condition was improving steadily. "They are able to chat and they are feeling a lot better than they did on Saturday night. Things are looking good for a full recovery, but they are still in quite a lot of pain from their injuries."

Blair Davies, left, and John Bown have multiple shrapnel wounds

The Foreign Office yesterday revised its guidelines for visitors to Ethiopia because of the grenade attack, one of two in the capital on Saturday. Travellers were urged to be vigilant but the Foreign Office stopped short of placing Ethiopia on the list of countries which it recommends are visited only on essential business.

Mr Bown and Mr Davies, former policemen, were injured as they dined with their wives at a restaurant popular with foreigners and wealthy locals. They threw themselves across the grenade when it landed near their table, saving their wives and other diners from all but minor injuries.

They were in Ethiopia to work for RIPA International, a consultancy contracted by the Overseas Development Administration to help the country's police change from a paramilitary force to a civilian operation. Lawrence Eaton, director of RIPA, said yesterday: "It was a brave thing to do. We're now working hard to get them back to Britain. We have been asked to provide wheelchairs, not as bad, at least, as stretchers."

Mr Bown, 53, a Methodist lay preacher in his home town of Matlock, Derbyshire, was a superintendent before joining Group 4. His sister-in-law, Sylvia Bown, 55, said: "His first instinct would be to protect his wife — and anybody else, for that matter. He is an ordinary man who would go about trying to do the best he could for his family."

Mr Davies, a father of three, was formerly a superintendent in Northamptonshire. He was leading the year-long project in Ethiopia, which was due to end next month.

Airlines 'shamed' into flying on time

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65.2 per cent of its flights from British airports were delayed by more than an hour at an average delay time of 167.4 minutes.

Christian Dumortier, the general manager of Challenge Air, last night admitted that last summer was "a mess". He said: "We were asked to step in to provide aircraft for a wide range of British tour operators left stranded after Excalibur folded ... we were asked to carry out a short-haul programme on a long-haul aircraft and it proved almost impossible."

British charter airlines are by far the least expensive in Europe. They keep prices down by filling every available seat, packing as many holidaymakers in as possible and operating aircraft on three "rotations" a day.

French and German airlines fly only two round trips to holiday destinations a day, have fewer seats and do not mind taking off if some have not been sold. The problem is that the prices they charge German tour operators and holidaymakers are much higher than British customers are prepared to pay.

Bob Parker-Eaton, deputy managing director of Britannia, which has been fighting the use of foreign "flags of convenience" airlines, last night predicted that this summer the delays will be much less than last year. "It should not be a problem this year because the market capacity is in line with demand," he said.

Britannia came fourth in the league table with 7.1 per cent of its flights delayed by more than an hour and an average delay time of 16.8 minutes.

"There are no requirements for tour operators or seat-only companies to specify which airline people will be flying on," he said.

"The operator tries to sell seats and then goes out to lease an aircraft once he has sold enough to fill it. If that aircraft is then brought in from another country it will not find a take off slot at a congested airport or a landing slot at the other end. No wonder their schedules are then thrown into chaos."

British Midland, second in the league table with 6 per cent of its flights delayed for an hour or more last summer, provided four aircraft throughout the summer for First Choice.

"Punctuality is our second most important priority after safety," said a spokesman.

THE BEST AND WORST

Airline	Total Flights	% more than 1hr late	Average Delay (mins)	Rank
1 VIVA (Spain)	680	4.9	16.5	2
2 British Midland (GB)	417	6.0	15.4	1
3 British Airways (GB)	682	6.7	30.7	11
4 Britannia Airways (GB)	18679	7.1	16.8	3
5 Air Transat (Com)	923	9.4	28.5	8
6 Spanair (Spain)	672	10.6	30.1	10
7 Sunways (Sweden)	951	10.8	26.2	7
8 Air UK (GB)	392	11.7	28.5	9
9 Air Europa (Spain)	1399	12.4	25.9	6
10 Air 2000 (GB)	13884	12.8	22.3	4
11 Onur Air (Turkey)	663	14.8	38.6	15
12 Futura Airlines (Sp)	643	15.1	24.2	5
13 European Air Charter (GB)	486	15.8	35.1	14
14 Airworld Aviation Ltd(GB)	1493	17.3	32.7	12
15 Sabre Airways Ltd (GB)	2658	18.2	48.4	19
16 Oasis Int. (Spain)	330	18.6	33.5	13
17 Monarch Airlines (GB)	14144	19.8	39.0	17
18 British World Airlines Ltd (GB)	897	20.2	43.4	18
19 Airtours Intl Airways Ltd (GB)	12751	20.4	38.7	16
20 Leisure Intl Airways Ltd (GB)	711	23.1	49.4	20
21 Air UK Leisure (GB)	2836	28.3	58.1	21
22 Caledonian Airways (GB)	5577	28.4	71.9	24
23 Excalibur Airways (GB)	120	30.0	80.2	25
24 Air Operations Europe	108	35.2	62.8	22
25 Air Atlanta Iceland (Iceland)	664	35.4	91.0	27
26 Transwede Leisure (Sweden)	855	38.8	70.5	23
27 All Leisure Airlines Ltd (GB)	789	46.3	86.0	26
28 Translift Airways Ltd (Ireland)	290	53.8	138.5	28
29 Challenge Air (Belgium)	244	65.2	167.4	29
TOTAL ALL AIRLINES	91076	16.6	35.1	

Labour's bulldog

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... our top three priorities are education, education, education ... " Fitz can hardly contain himself. "I am not going to promise anything I can't deliver."

"I am a British patriot and I want the best out of Europe for Britain," he declares at one stage. This is too much. With one bound, the leash breaks and Fitz goes off ... we are not quite sure where.

Mr Mandelson explains that the idea originated last autumn when Mr Blair had delivered his party conference speech and decided to "reclaim" the Union Jack, which had been "used and abused by the Conservatives" as if they owned it.

The message was unremittingly positive, he said. "It is a completely New Labour dog."

The bulldog has often been coupled with John Bull — who was established as a representative of English stock early in the 18th century when Dr John Arbuthnot's *Law is a Bottomless Pit* was republished under the more popular name, *The History of John Bull.* The pair had their heyday in the jingosim of Victorian England, when Englishmen were white supremacists par excellence. Further cause for potential discomfort for New Labour here in modern multiracial Britain.

It is worth recalling, too, that in 1994 a professor of psychology in Canada in a booked called *The Intelligence of Dogs* ranked the bulldog the third most stupid among 133 breeds.

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Broadmoor escaper recaptured in Ireland

Killer faces extradition after 16 years on run

By Nicholas Watt and Richard Ford

GRAHAM HUGHES

Anne Murphy, leaving Dublin High Court yesterday; Alan Reeve being arrested in Amsterdam in 1982 after killing a policeman; and at court yesterday wearing his habitual black suit and sunglasses

A TRIPLE killer was remanded in custody in Dublin yesterday after being recaptured in the Irish Republic where he had ended up after escaping from Broadmoor top-security hospital in 1981.

Alan Reeve, 49, originally from Colchester, Essex, was arrested earlier this month in Cork after British police served an extradition warrant over his escape from Broadmoor in 1981. His crimes involved killing a 15-year-old boy, throttling a fellow patient at Broadmoor and shooting dead a Dutch police officer.

Reeve had been living in the Republic for more than two years. He shared a terraced council house in the Gurranebraher area of north Cork with Anne Murphy, 40, who gave birth to their first child two months ago.

Reeve, who had been working as a typesetter at the Cork Women's Poetry Circle, was refused bail in spite of a tearful plea from his fiancée that he was "friendly, caring, loving and dependable".

Reeve, who completed a sociology degree while in Broadmoor and trained as a lawyer while in a Dutch jail for killing the police officer, was due to marry Ms Murphy in Cork next month.

Judge Paul Carney rejected Reeve's application for bail at the High Court after an emotional appeal from Ms Murphy. She said: "I was aware of what had happened, of all the circumstances. I felt that he had done enough time. I would trust my life in his hands. He would not abscond because his life is here."

Reeve's capacity for violence began while he was a schoolboy. He was sent to Broadmoor when he was 15 for stabbing and clubbing to death Roger Jackson, a friend of the same age. He had been on a cycling holiday when he meet Reeve, the son of a Chelmsford soldier. Reeve sent three postcards, which he found in his victim's bag, to the boy's parents. He wrote on each of them "DOA": dead on arrival.

Reeve was found guilty of manslaughter and sent to Broadmoor to be detained indefinitely. He had been in trouble since the age of ten and was on parole from borstal at the time of the killing.

Four years later Reeve throttled Bill Doyle, 22, another convicted killer, in a common room at Broadmoor. He confessed, saying that Doyle had asked to be killed.

Shortly before his escape he wrote to William Whitelaw, then Home Secretary, complaining the Mr Whitelaw had turned down a report from psychiatrists and psychologists recommending his conditional discharge from Broadmoor.

The hunt for Reeve and Pat Ford, his then fiancée, who had met him outside Broadmoor when he escaped, switched to the continent. A year after his escape he was captured after shooting dead a police officer in Amsterdam. Reeve had been attempting to raid a wine shop to buy alcohol to celebrate the first anniversary of his escape from Broadmoor. Ms Ford surrendered to police and told an officer: "You will never hold him."

She married him in September 1982 in a prison in Utrecht where he was held on remand awaiting trial for the police officer's murder. In December 1982 he was jailed for 15 years for manslaughter.

It is not known whether they divorced. Miss Ford, a formal postal worker from Reading, Berkshire, was last heard of living with squatters in Amsterdam.

While in Sheveningen prison in Holland, Reeve qualified as a lawyer. In 1992 a Dutch judge freed him, saying he had suffered enough, in spite of a report by doctors hired by the Home Office which said he was psychopathic.

Reeve was released, and by the time the decision to free him was over-ruled he had disappeared.

Yesterday Reeve told the court that he had made no attempt to conceal his identity in Ireland. He said: "I've had absolutely no problems with the Garda. It was my belief that they quite possibly knew who I was, but that the English had decided to leave me be."

The court was told that Reeve felt "disheartened and depressed" after three separate recommendations from doctors and psychologists that he be released from Broadmoor were turned down by the Home Office.

Reeve claimed that his continued detention in the hospital would have been in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights and "would pose too many dangers to my mental health". But he agreed that he absconded "when I should have remained in custody".

Extradition proceedings are pending, but no date has been fixed.

Reeve's friends and neighbours in Cork spoke yesterday of their astonishment when they learnt that the well-spoken Englishman, who lived quietly with Ms Murphy and her three children from another relationship, was one of Britain's most notorious killers.

One woman, who asked not to be named, said: "He was very good with Anne's boys. They seemed to get on very well. I'm shocked to learn this news. I find it hard to believe."

Dave Whitty, the owner of the Roundy House pub in Cork, where Reeve and Ms Murphy held their engagement party last year, described him as a gentleman.

Queue-jumper 'hit general in taxi rank row'

By A Staff Reporter

A RETIRED major-general was punched to the ground after tackling a foul-mouthed young woman for queue-jumping, a court was told yesterday.

Major-General Richard Gerrard-Wright, 69, said that Debbie Blaize was a "screaming creature" who had felled him with one "mighty blow".

He told Southwark Crown Court that he had been to the theatre with his wife and daughter in the West End of London and had had dinner before joining a queue at a taxi rank after midnight.

"We had been there more than half an hour when there was a bunch of youngsters ahead of us." They had rushed straight to the head of the queue and Miss Blaize, 21, was trying to flag down taxis.

General Gerrard-Wright said: "The girl was in a very highly charged state, she was tensed up and was hurling abuse at the queue and the taxis. I told the girl: 'Oi, you get to the back of the queue, we've been waiting here half an hour.'"

General Gerrard-Wright, a former Director of the Territorial Army and Deputy Colonel of The Royal Anglian Regiment, said that when she pounced for his taxi he prodded her in the back to remonstrate. "We had been waiting there for half an hour on a wet and rainy night. I was fed up that this screaming creature had pinched our cab. She suddenly swung round incredibly quickly and hit me on my left eye. It smashed my glasses into my face and eye and knocked me backwards. It was a mighty blow.

"There was a lot of blood everywhere and I went back on to the ground and lost my glasses. I suffered intense blinding pain and lost all my vision in my left eye."

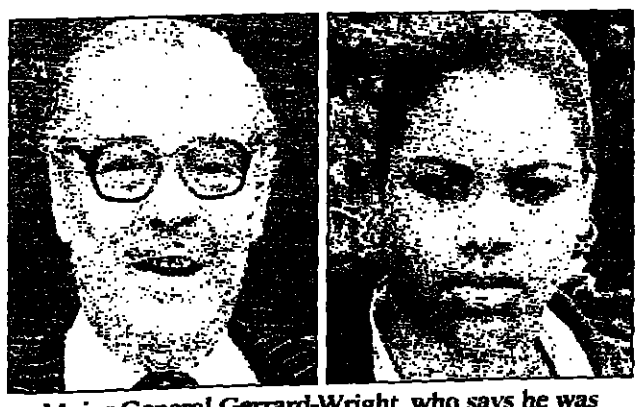
Miss Blaize, a nursery nurse from Southwark, south London, who is 5ft 7in tall, denies assaulting the general.

He said that he suffered a severe cut to the cornea and had to have several stitches to his face but had had now fully recovered.

Questioned by Luke Blackburn, for the defence, General Gerrard-Wright denied that he had had too much to drink and that he had hurled racist abuse at Miss Blaize. Mr Blackburn asked: "Did you say: 'Blacks should be at the back of the queue where they belong?'" The general replied: "Absolutely not. I simply wouldn't say anything like that, it was a thought that never entered my mind."

The general paid tribute to his wife, praising her for helping after the attack and aiding him in his recovery. "My wife was an absolute bastion of strength and sensibilty by my side as she has been for the last 37 years."

The trial continues.



Major-General Gerrard-Wright, who says he was punched by Debbie Blaize, right, a nursery nurse

Murder victim had been stalked

By Adrian Lee

AN ANTIQUES dealer found strangled and beaten in her country cottage had told police she feared for her safety after a series of stalking incidents. It is believed the killer of Carolanne Jackson, 50, who lived alone, lay in wait and followed her into her home, intending to rob her.

Miss Jackson was well known at antique fairs and, although security-conscious, had been burgled previously. Police said she may have been beaten to force her to open a safe at her house near Wooburn Green, Buckinghamshire. Detectives said her killer almost certainly believed there was jewellery there. The dead woman, who was single, ran her own business, Kings Chase Antiques, from the house.

In February, Miss Jackson called police when she was followed in her car. She saw a man prowling outside her house, who then banged on the door. Police said there had been other incidents and they conducted a search of the area after the most recent incident.

Miss Jackson's body was discovered in the kitchen by a friend on Sunday morning, but it is thought she was killed shortly after arriving home from a trip to the Continent on Friday evening. The killer probably slipped inside as Miss Jackson unloaded bags from her car. Yesterday police said a man had been seen near the house on Friday night.

Personal jewellery and a Rolex watch had been taken from her body. Cupboards and drawers had been searched by the intruder. Miss Jackson had not been sexually assaulted and was found fully clothed.

Miss Jackson had just returned from a holiday abroad with a married female friend. She telephoned the friend, either from her mobile phone or a phone in the house, on Friday evening to say she had reached home safely. Police said she had sounded "relaxed and normal".

Stars to carry on joking apart

By Kathryn Knight

COMEDIANS Paul Merton and Caroline Quentin have separated "amicably" after five years of marriage, it was announced yesterday. Their split follows speculation about their relationship after Ms Quentin moved out of the five-bedroom £400,000 marital home in Wimbledon and into a West End flat.

Mr Merton, 39, a regular on the BBC television quiz *Have I Got News For You?*, admitted in an interview in the current edition of *Here* magazine: "Being apart can be nice because you look forward so much to meeting up, but it is a huge strain. Lines of communication can get confused when you're spending weeks away from each other."

Ms Quentin, 36, once said their marriage was like having an affair as they spent so little time together.

The couple performed on stage together in *The Live Bed Show* two years ago but recently work has kept them apart for long periods. Ms Quentin, who films the sixth series of the BBC television series *Men Behaving Badly* this summer, has just spent two months in Australia filming for the BBC *Holiday* programme and visiting friends.

Her husband has appeared in Channel 4's *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, BBC Radio 4's *Just A Minute* and a host of other shows.

The couple met at the Comedy Store, a London venue for stand-up comedians. Within a week, Mr Merton had moved into her flat, later proposing on one knee under the Eros statue in Piccadilly Circus.

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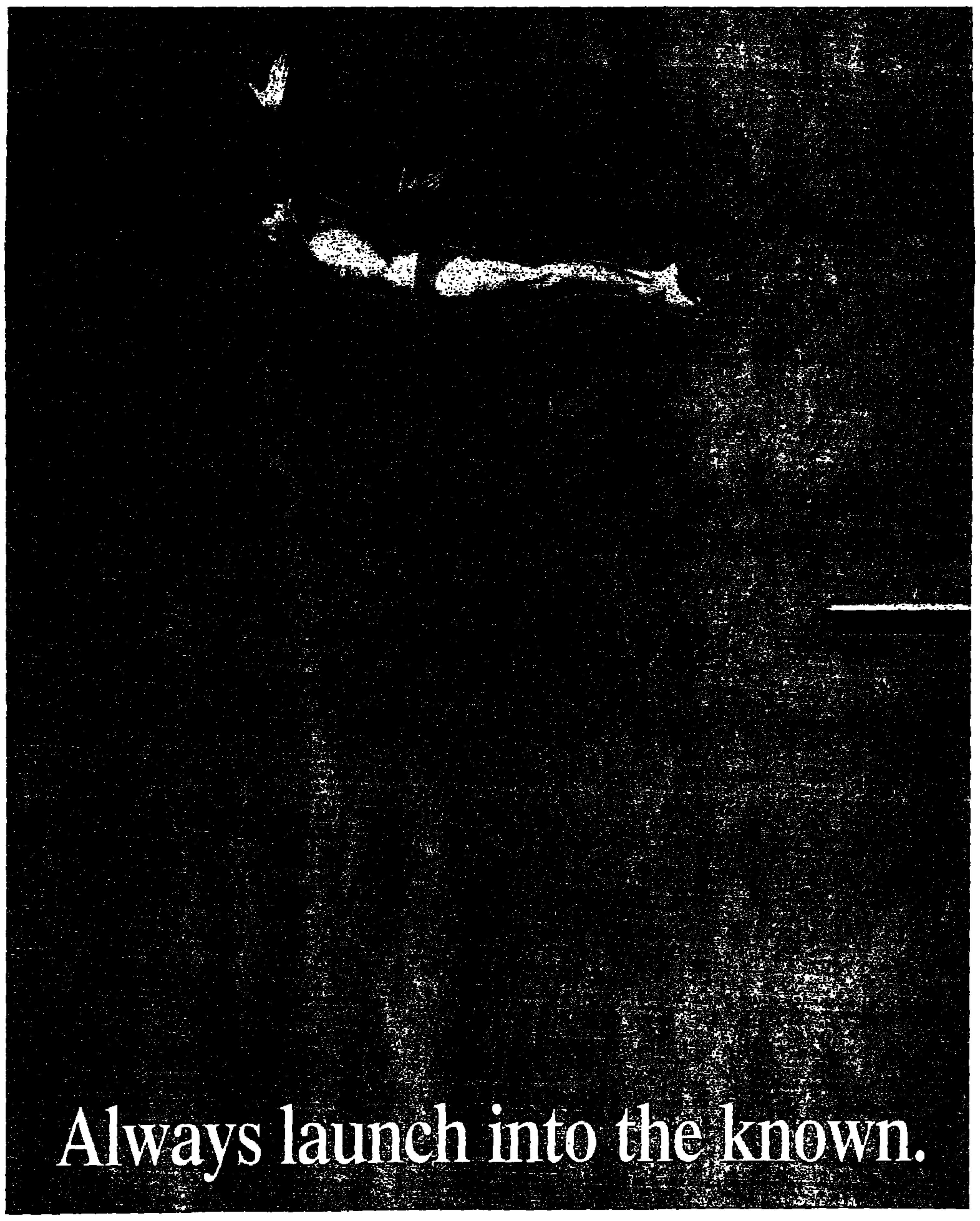

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Couple accuse surgeons over son's brain damage

By Richard Duce

PRESSURE from surgeons at *Harefield Hospital* persuaded a couple to consent to a heart transplant for their baby that left him brain-damaged for life, the High Court was told yesterday.

Kevin Poynter said that he and his wife Linda went through agonies before bowing to a "significant degree of pressure", even though they knew the life expectancy of Matthew, who was then 16 *months* old, amounted to weeks at most without surgery by Sir Magdi Yacoub.

They claim that medical staff were so zealous in advocating the transplant ten years ago that the couple were never warned that their son might suffer irreversible brain damage. Had they been warned, they would have preferred to let Matthew die in peace rather than undergo the operation.

Mr Poynter, who is suing for damages on behalf of his son, told the court: "We lost the happy child we had before the operation, which turned him into a little boy who is very distressed and crying most of the time.

"Even when he was ill, Matthew was a wonderful boy, full of life. That was just taken away and replaced by a boy who is in great suffering. Matthew was treated just as a *person ready for transplant*. It was a purely mechanical job, taking one heart out and putting another one in, disregarding anything human about it." Mr Poynter, from Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, said: "The heart is not just a pump. It is part of the person, part of the mind, body and soul. Just to reduce it to something mechanical is missing the whole point about life."

Sir Magdi carried out the 1987 heart transplant on Matthew Poynter, pictured before the operation

He felt that doctors at the hospital in west London had expected him and his wife, who have two *other* children, Holly, 8, and William, 5, to agree to the transplant because "somehow we were failing as parents if we didn't", he said.

"We were told Matthew had an excellent chance of pulling through and he would have two or three extra years. But for us they had to be quality years, otherwise it would not be worth it. We were after quality of life for Matthew. We didn't want him to have extra time that wasn't quality time."

The court was told that Matthew, born in August 1986, developed a heart condition in which the left ventricle becomes enlarged and fails to contract properly. Some sufferers improve spontaneously, and his parents at first pinned their hopes on drugs and even acupuncture. Mr Poynter, an osteopath, believed that alternative treat*ments could supplement* conventional medicine.

Simeon Maskrey, QC, for the couple, said: "It may seem to many in this court, including Sir Magdi and the other doctors, to be churlish to be critical of them — the highly dedicated surgical team who have prolonged the life of this little boy by something like ten years.

"But the lives of patients don't belong to the medical profession and we say it was not the function of the hospital or the staff to overpersuade or to minimise the risks or accentuate *the benefits in order to* get the consent they thought was necessary.

"Quality of life was just as important as prolongation of life. The *parents* were entitled to have an appropriate full explanation of what the benefits and the drawbacks were. The hospital was so keen or so frustrated with the parents that this was not done."

Mr Maskrey told the judge, Sir Maurice Drake, that in December 1987 Matthew was given a heart from a four-year-old child in France but the operation had left him "very, *very significantly* disabled".

His heart was kept going with massage, including open-heart massage, for about 30 minutes before he was attached to a by-pass pump. It was believed the brain damage occurred during this period. Matthew is incapable of doing anything for himself and will need lifelong nursing care. He can move his head a little, see bright lights and laugh and cry, but cannot *communicate in any other* way.

The Poynters' action is against *Hillingdon Health* Authority, which says that the risks of major brain damage are so small that doctors are under no legal duty to give a warning and that, in any event, a warning had been given in Matthew's case.

The judge is being asked to decide only the question of liability and any damages will *be assessed at a later date*. The case, expected to last a week, continues today.

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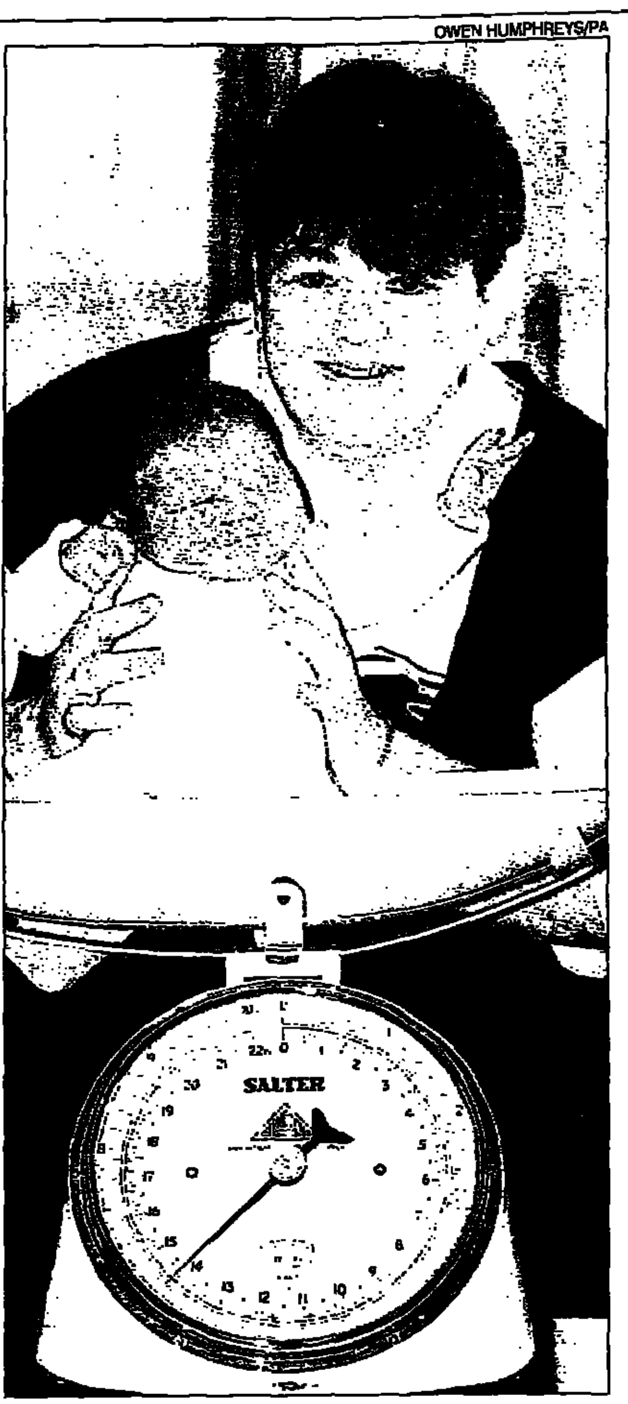

Reece Thompson with his mother, Pauline

Newborn boy weighs more than a stone

A MOTHER who had a hunch that she was carrying *a large baby after her three* previous children were delivered at 9lb 3oz, 11lb 3oz and 12lb 3oz was proved right when she gave birth to a son weighing 14lb 3oz.

Pauline Thompson, 27, of Tantobie, Co Durham, said: "It was a difficult pregnancy because I could get no rest or comfort. I rarely went out — it was like carrying a sack of potatoes." Reece, who drinks a *whole* bottle of *milk*, was delivered by Caesarean section.

Mrs Thompson said: "I suppose all along I was hoping for a small baby this time, but really I knew that would never happen. I won't be having any *more* children now I have two of each sex."

Ann Harrison, maternity *staff nurse at Shotley Bridge* General Hospital in Consett, said: "Reece is the biggest baby I've ever known in here. Pauline's other little boy, Dean, was our previous biggest."

Reece has had minor breathing difficulties and slight jaundice, but no major problems. He is so big that he *dwarfed a two-week-old* girl in the unit who was 4lb at birth. Reece and his mother will be staying in the baby unit for a few days to make sure that there are no complications.

The heaviest child recorded was born in Italy in 1955 at 22lb 8oz.

Blakelock family may sue Silcott

The family of murdered policeman *Keith Blakelock* are considering suing Winston Silcott, whose 1987 conviction for the killing was overturned in 1991. Their case would be supported by *the Metropolitan* Police Federation. Elizabeth Johnson, the widow of the 40-year-old policeman who was killed during the *Broadwater Farm riots* in north London 12 years ago, said she and and her three sons were outraged that Silcott has been granted legal aid to sue the Metropolitan Police. Silcott, 37, who is serving life for another murder, is claiming damages for malicious prosecution.

Teacher jailed

A solicitor and part-time music teacher who sexually assaulted schoolgirl pupils was jailed for 15 months by Bristol Crown Court. Simon Jackson, 42, of Taunton, Somerset, told his victims that he was helping them with their breathing technique.

Workers win

Hundreds of care staff sacked by Cornwall County Council and re-employed with worse pay were *unfairly dismissed*, an industrial tribunal ruled. The ruling jeopardises government plans to save money by privatising nearly all council-run old people's homes.

Nanny cleared

Mark Lloyd-Davies, *20*, of Aberaeron, Dyfed, was cleared by Gloucester Crown Court of stealing £3,000 of jewellery from Dawn Bath, a businesswoman, of Colesbourne, near Cheltenham, who had employed him as a nanny to look *after* her two children.

Fatal mixture

Robin MacLennan, former manager of The Pogues rock group, *died at his girlfriend's* flat in north London after celebrating his 44th birthday with heroin, cocaine, cannabis and a lot of alcohol. Southwark Coroner's Court recorded a verdict of misadventure.

999 man banned

An ambulanceman who crashed while taking a patient to hospital was given an 18-month driving ban and a *suspended four-month* jail sentence for drink-driving. Bernard Edwards, 51, of Corwen, Denbighshire, has taken early retirement.

Family homes

A £1.5 million development of 22 four-bedroom homes to be built in the Barkerend area of Bradford will have a waiting list to let friends and families live close together. A clause in *the tenancy agreement of the* pilot scheme will ask people to help each other.

Education advisers fail spelling test

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

HUNDREDS of copies of lesson plans and tests prepared by government advisers have been withdrawn after schools found that they were riddled with mistakes.

Spellings such as *eventualy*, *accross* and *corectly*, as well as various grammatical errors, were found on *a computer* disk of exercises in information technology for 14-year-olds sent to 400 schools.

The School Curriculum and Assessment Authority (SCAA) said it was embarrassed by the mistakes. Steve Waller, information technology adviser for Bexley council, in southeast London, said: "The SCAA sent local education authorities a copy of these new disks and I was astonished by the number of mistakes. The software was not suitable for 14-year-old children and the basic errors were glaringly obvious."

A SCAA spokeswoman said: "*This has been embarrassing* for the authority and we have apologised for the errors. The material in the package, which was written by Keele University, has already been recalled. Modified versions are being sent to schools.

"It appears the error in the package occurred during the conversion from a Windows format at Keele to Acorn *Archimedes at Sheffield*. We had not appreciated there would be problems. Maybe we should have done but when you have a book with 1,000 pages it is rare not to have the odd mistake."

She added: "As far as we are concerned, Keele University has picked up the bill for this error and we have done everything required to redistribute the modified disks."

Brian Rawlings, publicity officer at Keele University, blamed Sheffield University. "The Acorn Archimedes conversions were sub-contracted to Sheffield University, which *is where the errors occurred*. I agree that this sort of mistake really should not happen."

Ex-head puts case for keeping Classics

By Philip Howard

PEOPLE have been fretting that the Classics are going to the dogs ever since Juvenal. But there is life in the old dogs *yet*. *In her presidential* address to the Classical Association Conference at Royal *Holloway College*. *London*. last night. Carol Handley drew new lessons from the old argument.

The association was founded in 1904 after a correspondence in *The Times*. Its purpose was to combat the perceived decline in Classical teaching even then, when any schoolchild's diary included *a dozen pages of the para*digms of Greek and Latin irregular verbs. And 50 years later we reported Professor Gilbert Murray telling the jubilee meeting of the association of his passionate belief of the need to be "working *not so much to make new* discoveries in obscure places, as to keep the great things really alive".

Mrs Handley, a former Headmistress of Camden School for Girls, who was inspired by Murray's words to become a teacher, declared yesterday that no economist had yet explained why there was so much money to spend on education then and so little now.

But Mrs Handley's career has kept the great things really alive. At *Camden she* kept the Classics burning for her pupils, from not obviously a classicist catchment area, helping to set up the new courses of Classical civilisation and Greek and Latin summer schools.

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Black British golfers play off major handicap

Tiger's success may make clubs change their stripes

By Stephen Farrell

Woods: a role model for thousands of golfers

THE prospect of Tiger Woods, the 21-year-old Masters champion, golfing phenomenon and role model for millions of black Americans, teeing off against a black British Ryder Cup opponent is remote.

The Professional Golfers Association has 5,500 people on its books, but only two black golfers play the tournament circuit and both struggle to find sponsorship.

None of the British golf bodies has any idea how many of the country's three million regular golfers are from ethnic minorities. But the Afro-Caribbean Golf Society, founded three years ago, has just 60 members and no clubhouse.

Few expect the situation to change quickly, despite the shrewd marketing tactics of a Nike marketing campaign selling the US prodigy in a television advertisement featuring multiracial youngsters chanting, Spartacus-style: "I am Tiger Woods."

Robert Forde, 29, a professional at Fox Hills Golf Club, near Ottershaw, Surrey, took up golf at 15 at a club near his home in Reading, Berkshire. Among the people he caddied for was Dr Max Bisset, the father of the actress Jacqueline Bisset, who left him his clubs after he died, allowing him to take up the sport seriously.

He said: "I have the ability, but my parents divorced when I was 9 and my mother didn't have the money to help me. If you don't have someone in the family or know someone in a company who will put up the funds, it is very difficult."

Forde turned professional in 1991 and spent the following years stacking shelves in Sainsbury's and working on building sites to pay his travel costs. He now works 60-70 hours a week in an office near his home, practising in his spare time for competitions on the European Challenge Tournament circuit, the springboard to the main European tour.

Last year he was sponsored by the world heavyweight boxing champion Lennox Lewis, who paid for winter coaching and practice abroad. He now has a clothing contract with Hippo, the golf clothing firm which supplies Ian Woosnam, but has no major financial backer.

"Until now potential sponsors have never seen a good black player. Tiger Woods's victory shows that black people can win major golf. I'm just sorry I didn't get there first." He shrugs off other problems. "There are petty people who are racist and I think we have to work twice as hard, but usually it disappears as soon as you hit the ball and show people what you can do."

He is used to being the only black player in a tournament. His main rival is Allan Jarrett, 33, a Surrey-based Afro-Caribbean Golf Society member who turned professional in the early 1990s. Jarrett plays on the domestic mini-tour and won the Silver Trophy at the exclusive St George's Hill golf club near Weybridge, Surrey. When Jarrett was elected a member of the Home Park club, near Kingston-upon-Thames, one committee member resigned and other members refused to play with him.

•In Britain black youngsters gravitate to sports already played by their heroes, such as football, basketball and athletics, and are put off by the middle-class image of golf, the cost of equipment and lack of facilities in inner city areas.

Others say that with many golf clubs struggling to cope with the arrival of women on the links, some are suspicious and even hostile to black players. Last year Burhill Golf Club in Hersham, Surrey, attempted to ban Laurie Briggs, an adopted Brazilian 13-year-old, from a family fours competition.

Geoff Thompson, 39, a black former karate world champion and member of the Sports Council's Racial Equality in Sport advisory group, urged caution. "There are many sports which have made a breakthrough in multi-cultural access in this country. Golf is not one of them. Golf clubs inherently have always been closed shops. It is more sophisticated than direct racism, starting off with questions of attire and asking who you know, and it goes away once they find out who I am. It is all very discreet, but it must be removed."

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Mrs Parker Bowles's portrait was issued by the National Osteoporosis Society

Public face of Parker Bowles

By A Staff Reporter

CAMILLA Parker Bowles took a step into the public arena yesterday with the release of a photograph to mark the announcement of a charity role.

The portrait was taken by Sir Geoffrey Shakerley, who is married to a cousin of the Queen. He was commissioned by Mrs Parker Bowles to take the picture on behalf of the National Osteoporosis Society. The society issued the photograph when it made the long-expected announcement that one of its best-known supporters was to become one of its patrons "with immediate effect".

Mrs Parker Bowles, 48, began supporting the society after her mother, Rosalind Shand, died from the disease in 1994. The announcement by the society yesterday was low key. "Mrs Parker Bowles is not making any comment," a spokesman said. But the development is seen as the first stage in an effort to raise Mrs Parker Bowles's profile after the Prince of Wales admitted their affair.

Lottery funds 'going to elitist heritage plans'

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

NATIONAL Lottery money is being handed out to elitist heritage projects by a small network of people living mainly in the south of England, while many true "national treasures" are being ignored, according to a report.

The independent Directory of Social Change, which does research for voluntary organisations, yesterday highlighted the funding gap which meant London projects received grants equivalent to £19.64 per head, while the North East got just £1.84.

The group accused the Heritage Lottery Fund of failing to recognise that museums and galleries represented only a small part of the nation's heritage. "The fund's view has been desperately narrow, seeing international fine arts and the works of celebrated architects as the core of what we have inherited, rather than as occasional peaks that rise above great ranges of past achievement," the report says.

Luke FitzHerbert, the author of the report, said that the fund — one of the five good causes responsible for distributing lottery money — "told me that it relied on its trustees, who lived 'all around the country', to ensure that money was distributed evenly on a regional basis. But three live in London, five in the South East, and three in the South West. There is one trustee each in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The only one in the North is a trustee who lives in Cambridge but also lives in Cumbria some of the time." Mr FitzHerbert added that the fund's definition of "heritage" should be extended to include townscapes that are not in conservation areas; urban fringe areas between the ribbon developments of major cities; school buildings and parts of the countryside that are not classified as being in areas of outstanding natural beauty.

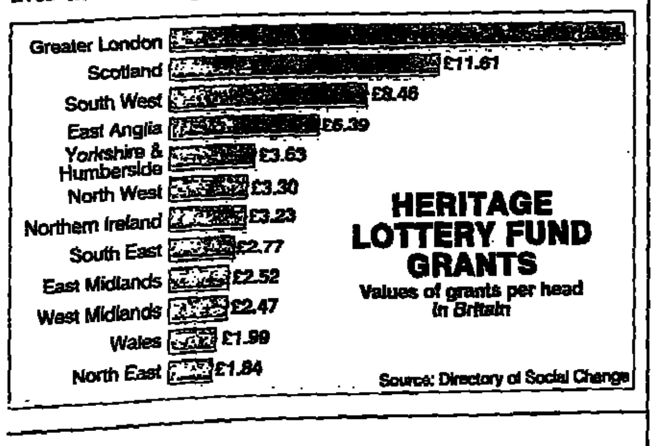
Anthea Case, director of the Heritage Lottery Fund, said that since the end of last year, the fund had increased its grants to the North West, the North East, Merseyside and the South West.

"Where grants are still 'light' is in the East and West Midlands and the South East. The Heritage Lottery Fund is actively pursuing strategies to increase support in those areas," she said.

The report also concluded that much lottery money was going to support institutions whose entrance charges make them inaccessible to people on low incomes.

☐ Camelot, the National Lottery operator, has failed in a High Court case to stop betting shops running 49s, a daily lottery-style game that pays out £511 for three correct numbers, compared with the lottery's £10.

Two judges ruled that a judicial review was not the proper route for Camelot to establish that the 49s scheme was an "unlawful lottery" and said Camelot should bring a private prosecution.



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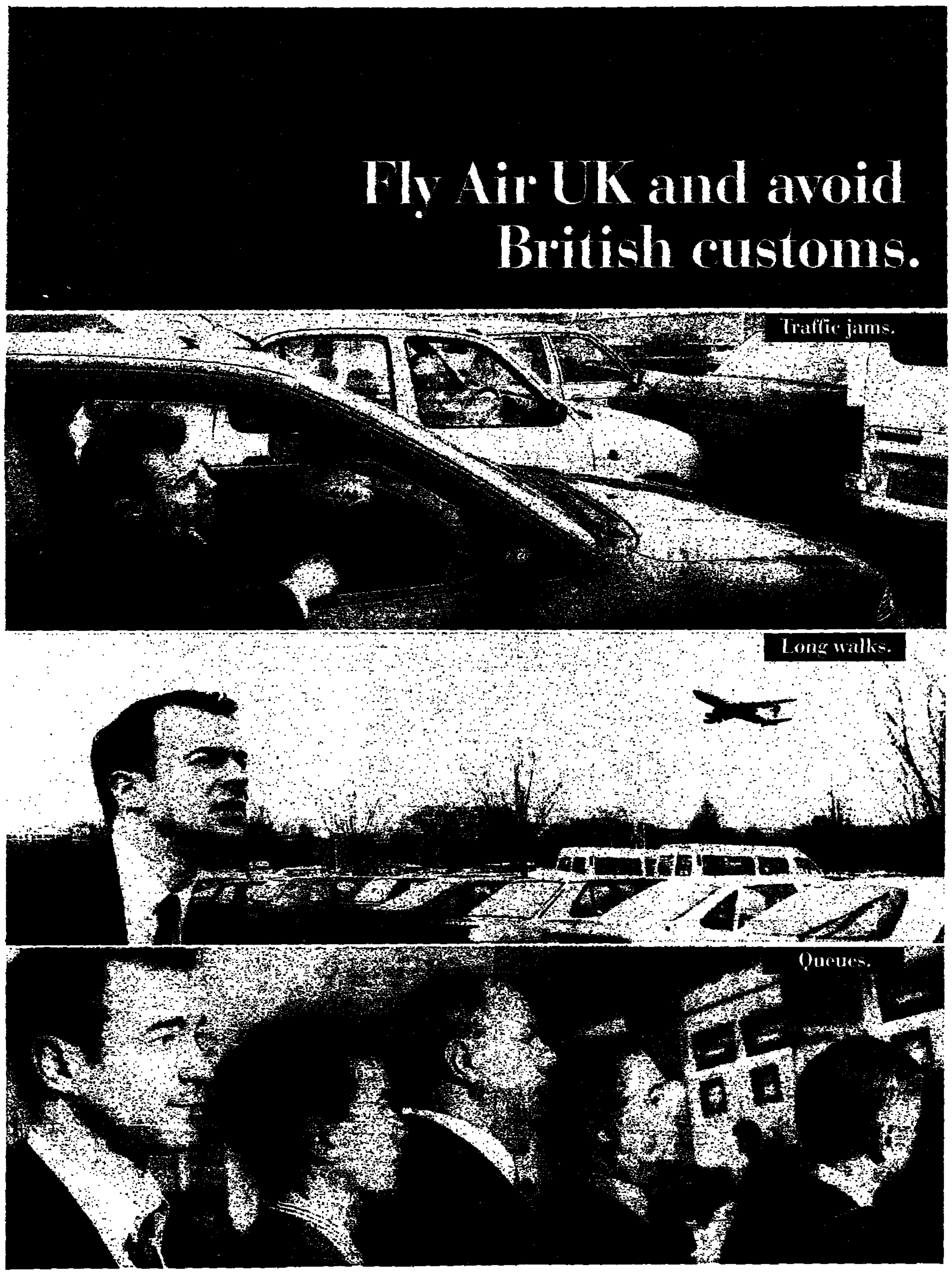

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Health of nation report shows better treatment is offset by over-eating and drinking

We live longer but have to pay the price for old age

By Ian Murray

THE telegram bill at Buckingham Palace is going up. By 2031 there will be ten times as many centenarians as now — 40,000 people will qualify for congratulations from the monarch.

The increase in life expectancy is accelerating thanks to better healthcare, cleaner water and easier lifestyles, according to a survey of the health of the nation over the past 150 years. But an increasing number are eating and drinking too much, and the young are ignoring warnings about smoking and taking too little exercise. Suicides, road accidents and Aids mean the death rate among young adults is falling more slowly than among children and those over 45.

We live on average 30 years longer than our Victorian forefathers, but our old age is almost as likely to be plagued by ill health as ever. Infant mortality has been all but eradicated, but those who survive to draw their pensions are almost as prone to strokes and much more likely to suffer from cancer.

The survey shows that mortality rates have been falling throughout the 20th century, with the decline over the past decade greatest among the 45-64 age group and least for those aged 20-44.

We are not helping our survival rate by the way we live. Alcohol consumption has remained almost constant over the past decade, with roughly one in four men and one in ten women drinking more than the recommended 21 units a week. Smoking has fallen in every age group, but there has been little change in the amount of tobacco used by people aged 16-24 during the past ten years.

The proportion of those officially classified as obese has been rising steadily since 1980, even though the average number of calories people consume is falling. The problem is greater with older people. Among those aged 55-64, one male in five and one woman in four is obese. Recent years have seen a steadily growing number of young people with obesity.

The survey blames this tendency to put on weight on our increasingly sedentary lifestyle, the switch from manual to non-manual work, unemployment and hours watching television. There was a surge in people taking up sport between 1987 and 1990, but no increase since then.

The most significant change in health patterns, however, has been the switch from infectious diseases to cancer and circulatory disease as the major killers. In the 1840s, infections were responsible for one death in three, with tuberculosis accounting for a third of these fatalities.

Cancer was responsible for only a tiny proportion of deaths at the start of the period, but had trebled for men and doubled for women by the turn of the century. By 1911 it was blamed for one in 14 deaths and by 1992 it was killing one in four.

Diseases of the heart and circulation system caused one death in six in 1911, but by 1992 they were responsible for almost half of all deaths. The increase in heart disease has been markedly higher among men than among women.

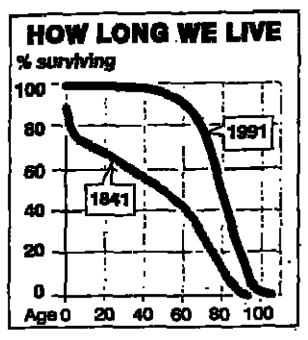
Falling birth rates and a longer life expectancy have changed the make-up of the nation. In 1841, just over one in three was under 15 and one in 20 was over 65. Today only one in five is under 15, while one in six is over 65.

Whether the nation is healthier than it used to be, the 528 pages of the two-volume report cannot decide. Although universal improvements in mortality rates and increasing life expectancy suggest we are healthier, surveys of fitness and behaviour patterns related to poor health show little signs of change.

"The answer to the question can only be that some things are better, some worse and some have stayed the same."

☐ *The Health of Adult Britain 1841-1994*; the Stationery Office. £40 a volume or £60 a boxed set of two.

HOW LONG WE LIVE



FACTS AND FIGURES

☐ The proportion of centenarians with blue, blue-grey or green eyes is much higher than for the population as a whole.

☐ In the 1950s, affluent households were the greatest consumers of fats, sugars and eggs, but by 1993 their consumption was the lowest.

☐ Parents who suffer the most financial pressure spend least on food and have the lowest nutritional intakes.

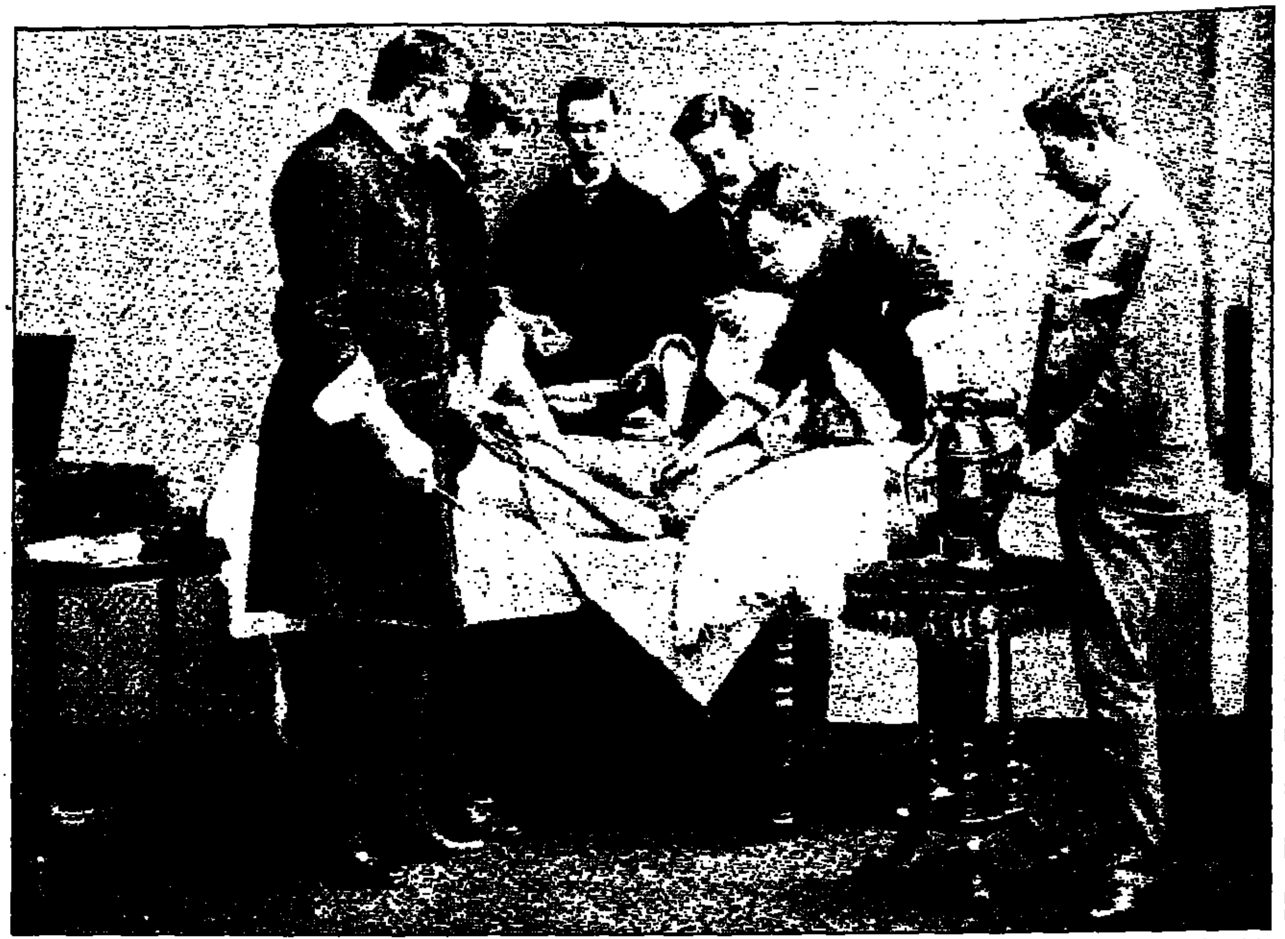
☐ The numbers of drivers who are killed in accidents while over the drink-drive limit is falling but there is an increase in fatalities among intoxicated pedestrians.

☐ Between 1971 and 1991 two and a half years were added to men's life expectancy. This is the same as the total gain between 1851 and 1961.

☐ Although they live longer, women report more ill health than men.

☐ Reported rates of long-term illness show no improvement since the early 1970s.

☐ There were 17,300 deaths due to injury and poisoning in 1992. Of these, 36 per cent were due to suicide, 24 per cent were motor accidents, 20 per cent accidental falls, 4 per cent accidental poisoning, 3 per cent fires and 2 per cent each to homicides and drowning.



Some infectious diseases have been virtually eliminated by better medicine. People now live 30 years longer than in 1841

Study backs dietary value of tomatoes

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

TOMATOES could provide the key to beating cancer, according to a report which appears to confirm earlier findings about their beneficial effect in the diet.

People with lung cancer have lower levels of lycopene, a chemical found in tomatoes, the latest study says. Jean Ford and colleagues from Columbia University told the American Association for Cancer Research meeting in San Diego that, in analysing the levels of various nutrients and vitamins in 204 people, half of whom had lung cancer, lycopene levels were significantly lower in those with cancer than in a healthy control group.

However, Dr Ford said low lycopene levels might be the result of the cancer, rather than its cause.

A team from Harvard found in 1985 that men who eat at least ten servings a week of tomato-based foods are up to 45 per cent less likely to develop prostate cancer.

Cancer and asthma fears drive more people to GPs

By Ian Murray

GROWING concern about health has led to increasing numbers of people consulting their family doctor at least once a year. Worries about skin cancer and asthma have both risen sharply.

In 1981, 71 per cent of patients consulted their GP. By 1991, the proportion was 78 per cent. Increases occurred in every age group, in both sexes, and in every category of illness apart from inquiries about mental disorders.

The sharpest increase in patients was among people suffering from asthma, with numbers rising by 165 per cent among females and by 114 per cent among males. Patients with concerns about skin cancer rose by 77 per cent.

Eight out of the top ten diseases diagnosed first came to doctors' notice with patients complaining of stomach ache. Ulcers and liver disease were the main causes of death in hospital. Lung and throat cancers fell 29 per cent among men, whose smoking rates have dropped most, and rose 25 per cent among women. Breast cancer rose 30 per cent over the period.

☐ A farm labourer in 1841 survived on 1,900 calories a day, 70 per cent of it provided by carbohydrates such as bread and potatoes. Meat and fish were a rarity until the end of the 19th century, but as prosperity increased, so did the number of calories.

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation calculated in 1901 that the lowest number of calories that a working man needed to maintain his health was 3,500 a day. By 1950, the British Medical association calculated that a moderately active man needed 3,000. That figure dropped to 2,900 by 1979 and is now 2,550.

The nation is becoming taller and heavier because of better quality food for small children. The difference in diet at a young age explained why, in 1840, boys from the London slums were an average of 10ins shorter than boys from prosperous families training at the Royal Military College at Sandhurst.

FAMILY FINANCE

Budget of a poor rural family of seven in 1841

Weekly earnings	13s 9d
Bread	9s
Rent	1s 2d
Sugar	3½d
Washing blue	½d
Candles	3d
Coal and wood	9d
Cheese	3d
Potatoes	1s
Tea	2d
Soap	3d
Thread	2d
Salt	½d
Butter	4½d
Total	13s 9d

Grams per head per day	1770	1870	1970	1990
Fat	25	75	145	40
Sugar	10	80	150	67
Potatoes (+ vegetables 1990)	120	400	240	404
Wheat flour (+ cereals 1990)	500	375	200	336
Cereal fibre	5	1	0.2	—

From infection to immunisation in three generations

MEDICAL BRIEFING

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

STATISTICS show that in the 1850s, when my grandfather was a teenager, one death in three was from an infection. By the turn of the century, by which time my father had started to practise medicine, one death in five was from an infectious disease, and by the 1960s, when I was in practice in Norfolk, the number who died in this country from infectious diseases was so low that it is described as being negligible.

Therefore, within the space of three generations, a clean water supply and good sanitation in Britain removed the threat of death from gastro-intestinal infections such as cholera, typhoid, and many serious forms of dysentery. Fatal childhood infections have also been virtually eliminated by the immunisation programmes instituted after the Second World War. It is now common to work with young doctors who have never seen a case of measles, or of whooping cough unmodified by the childhood injection. In my early days as a doctor, poliomyelitis was as dreaded as meningitis is today; we still searched, usually in vain, for diptheria in cases of very sore throat, and a neighbour developed tetanus after being crushed by her horse.

The improvement in living conditions in the 20th century reduced the incidence of tuberculosis, but it was only beaten when effective antibiotics were introduced in the 1950s. Childbirth was a frightening experience. Improved techniques, and the availability of competent surgical intervention in difficult labours, reduced the death rate, but the great advance came after it was possible to control puerperal sepsis with antibiotics. Until the Second World War, young doctors drew lots to look after the post-natal wards, because of the contrast of the happiness of birth with the absolute misery when mothers regularly died from sepsis a few days after giving birth.

The control of infection is perhaps the greatest change in medicine in the past 150 years, but it is not the only one. Despite an ageing population, and therefore an increase in the overall mortality from cancer, the incidence of malignant disease under the age of 70 in men has decreased, although in women this improvement only applies if they are under 50. Cancer of the breast remains the most common fatal cancer in women, and cancer of the lung kills more men than any other tumour. Fortunately the death rate from lung cancer in all men, and in younger women, is now falling. Some cancers have become less common, and others like cancer of the testis, some forms of leukaemia and Hodgkin's disease, are now treatable. The report shows that many of the cancers which are prevalent in old age are now less frequently seen in the younger age groups. The general outlook is described as "moderately encouraging".

Heart disease accounted for 45 per cent of all deaths in 1994, but coronary disease rates are beginning to fall. This improvement may be the result of better diet, more exercise, fewer cigarettes and different patterns of drinking, but improved care is an increasingly important factor. There are fewer deaths from strokes. The writers of the report attribute this to changes similar to those which have reduced coronary heart disease, but do not stress the change which co-incided with the better treatment of high blood pressure.

The conquering of some diseases has contributed to a small, but definite, increase in others. In general there is more neurological disease, but fewer cases of epilepsy and Parkinson's disease are found in the younger age groups. Cancer of the stomach is much less common but that of the oesophagus is increasing. Inflammatory bowel disease is increasingly common.

The report issues a word of warning. It suggests that it can only be a matter of time before another infectious microbial menace, "a bug" to the general public, emerges to threaten us.

Efficiency measures in NHS 'don't help patients'

By Ian Murray

THE Government's measures to improve the National Health Service place more importance on saving money than effective treatment, health management experts say in a report published today.

The survey claims that more than half of health authorities and more than two-thirds of trusts have no written strategy for improving clinical effectiveness. The report, by the Health Services Management Centre in Birmingham, describes the present system as perverse and says the Patient's Charter makes things worse.

The authors, Chris Ham and Keiran Walshe, say that although clinical effectiveness is supposed to be a central aim of policy, the mechanisms by which the Department of Health and the NHS Executive measure and control performance put great value on efficiency and economy but do not measure the effectiveness of treatment.

The authors are particularly critical of the Efficiency Index, which judges efficiency purely in terms of patient throughput. This "rewards needless clinical activity and punishes watchful waiting", the report says.

Because its central aim is to cut waiting times, the report says, the Patient's Charter encourages surgeons to perform ineffective procedures on people who have been on the list a long time in preference to carrying out more effective care on other patients.

This problem is exacerbated further by the contracting system, which values all admissions and clinic visits equally, regardless of the appropriateness of the care.

"At the least, some of these perverse incentives to ineffective clinical practice need to be removed. Ideally, new measures which recognise and reward effective clinical practice should be put in their place," said the research paper, entitled *Acting on the Evidence*.

While some trusts were making real efforts to promote clinical effectiveness, many had yet to progress beyond the early stages of raising awareness and generating debate, it said.

Although many health authorities had taken the issue to heart, and a number had introduced interesting innovations, some had made little progress.

The report is published by the NHS Confederation, which represents health authorities and trusts. Philip Hunt, the confederation chief executive, said: "Health authorities and trusts are making inroads into the challenging task of establishing evidence-based care but there are practical difficulties to be overcome. Most of all we need to get rid of perverse incentives in measures of NHS achievement if we are to make a success of this policy objective."

Chris Smith, the Shadow Health Secretary, said that, if elected, Labour would "replace the so-called Efficiency Index with new means of measuring clinical effectiveness".

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Tussauds to sell off roving earls' silver

By John Vincent

SILVER collected by succeeding Earls of Warwick, whose history includes murder and penury as well as supreme wealth and a career in Hollywood, is to be auctioned.

The earls, heads of one of England's oldest noble families, lived at Warwick Castle until 1978, when it was bought by the Tussauds Group, which also owns the majority of the contents.

The sale on June 5 at Sotheby's in London — the first of two expected to yield about £400,000 — includes a pair of Charles II silver-gilt vases estimated at up to £80,000, and George III's christening gift to his goddaughter. The vases were made in London in 1675 by Arthur Manwaring, inspired by the fashion for Oriental porcelain. The silver-gilt almoner's dish by Thomas Heming of London in 1761 bears the inscription: "His Majesty's Gift on the occasion of the Christening of His God Daughter Lady Georgiana Murray Greville, The Daughter of the Honorable Robt. Fulk Greville and Louisa Countess of Mansfield, Augst 29th, 1798."

Such dishes were the perquisite of the Lord High Almoner for his duties at the coronation. This example, bearing the Royal Crown, rose of England and decorated with a unicorn, stag, hound and lion, is expected to fetch up to £30,000.

The earldom was created in 1759. The seventh earl, Charles (1911-84) followed an acting career in Hollywood during which he starred alongside Errol Flynn and David Niven in the 1938 film *The Dawn Patrol*. It was at this time that the family's interests took them away from Warwick.

The castle was originally granted to Fulke Greville, a favourite of the ageing Elizabeth I, by James I. It was during the acting earl's lifetime, but by his son, Lord Brooke, that the castle was sold. Some works of art remained on loan to the castle; others departed with the new earl to America, returning now for the sale.

An oval George I silver-gilt basin by Simon Margas, with an armorial centre engraved with the arms of Francis Greville, the first earl, is estimated at up to £35,000. The magnificent "Warwick Cruet", by Anthony Nelme of London, 1715, should sell for up to £25,000.

Abandoned St Bernards find a home

By Kathryn Knight

TWO abandoned and inseparable St Bernard dogs who were eating their way through a charity's funds have finally been offered a new home.

Suma and Rumpole get through £100 of food a week, and rescuers at an animal charity in Banff, Aberdeenshire, feared they would never find anyone willing to take on the pair. The two dogs had been found starving and maltreated. But at the eleventh hour the Sellick family, also from Banff, have stepped forward to give the dogs a home on their croft.

Yesterday Nancy Clarkson, of the centre said that after a national appeal offers had come from all over the country and even the United States. The dogs were inseparable and she thought the centre would have a real problem. "They were each eating about 5lb of tripe and dry meal every day."

Steve Sellick said his wife and their children had fallen in love with the dogs, who were now romping happily with their two Newfoundlands and an alsatian. "They are settling in really well and are now a very happy couple."

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Laid-back islanders will vote with the tide

Matthew Parris discovers a haven for those feeling buffeted by the winds of British politics but unwilling to leave Britain. The Isles of Scilly are warm, wild and salty, an easy-going election-free zone

"GENERAL election? What general election?"

In a single question, the landlord of the Turk's Head on St Agnes, said it all. Across the Isles of Scilly a glorious, genial disregard for politicians rules. Those anxious to escape British politics without leaving Britain should hasten here forthwith. I arrived on the morning helicopter in search of an election-free zone. I have found it.

"A case of cider," says *The Cornishman* newspaper, on sale here, "its destination Tresco, was taken from the Isles of Scilly Steamship Company warehouse on St Mary's Quay recently. It was found hidden on Rat Island. Four island boys aged 13-14 admitted the offence." This, not the general election, is news on Scilly.

On the mainland, in the same key marginal constituency of St Ives, John Major was yesterday strutting the quayside in an attempt to win angry fisherman to the Tory cause. Here, only the seagulls chide.

"There isn't going to be an election at all," the postmaster on St Agnes told me. "There are only two candidates for the two places." I reminded him that on May 1, besides elections for the Council of the Isles of Scilly, islanders would also be voting for a Government of the United Kingdom. "I'm not interested in politics," he said. "I vote Liberal."

You may, like me, have pictured the Scilly Isles as primly manicured municipal gardens ringed by souvenir shops and parked off the Cornish coast. I was wrong. Warm, wild, salty, granite-strewn islands and islets — hundreds of them, only five inhabited — straggle off into the Atlantic, gorsey and ragamuffin. Brown is the predominant colour, wind and birdsong the prevailing sounds.

"It just happens, I suppose," said a girl in the Bishop & Wolf Inn on St Mary's. "It's in May isn't it?" I confirmed this. "You see!" she boasted to friends, "I do keep up."

"Election campaign?" said the helpful lady in the tourist information centre, puzzled at my question. "Well, it will happen."

"When?"

"On May 1. Not before. They send the ballot boxes and we vote. Then they take them away in a helicopter, and count, I think."

I paged through a publication on sale: "One Hundred Years: Council of the Isles of Scilly." There was a section on the Incinerator Controversy of 1928, and another headed "Steamroller breaks down".

"Election? We're a bit out on a limb, really," said my nice landlady at the Lyoness Guest House as a white vehicle drove by. "Good heavens! That's the ambulance."

As I write, I have not found a single poster or election sticker. "They did send some pamphlets a few weeks ago," said Clive Mumford, St Mary's newsagent. "It's not a big thing around here. There's no politics or parties on the council. We regard it as a necessary evil, every five years or so. *The Times* arrives at 9.30 and you can read about it there."

"There was a Conservative meeting during the election five years ago. Fifteen people turned up. Then there was a Liberal meeting. Twelve people came but, when their candidate raised his voice, their placard fell off the wall.

"People admire David Harris [the retiring Conservative MP] but not for party reasons, but because he's known here and has worked for us. Once he organised a meeting to form a Conservative Association. The food was free so everybody came. The hall was packed. An association was formed. It contained two members. Ask George Leatherbarrow, who helped set it up."

I found Wing Commander Leatherbarrow (retired) in a charming cottage on the hill. "I can't tell you much about the Conservative Association," he said, "because there isn't one. I tried, but we're not particularly politically minded, which is a good thing on the whole, I suppose." George Leatherbarrow, a clubbable fellow, has rechannelled his energies into writing the islands' telephone directory, published by the Rotary Club. He does not know the new Tory candidate.

Mr Mumford told me that ballot boxes from the "off islands" — the smaller ones — have to be collected by sea. If the tides are adverse, the count has to wait. Elections have even been rescheduled to fit in with the tides. For May 1, however, the tides have been checked and all is well. The ballot boxes will come in on time.

As I sat in the Turk's Head, a Scottish National Party broadcast crackled out of the wireless. The publican turned it off. I suspect that, when the next update of that history of the Isles of Scilly Council is prepared, the recent shipwreck of the freighter *Cita*, and the destination of containers loaded with tyres, trainers and 2,000 computer mice, will figure more prominently than the general election of 1997.

Turbot charged: John Major at the auction shed as he prepared to hear fishermen's complaints

Still waters run deep as Major goes trawling for the fish vote

Alan Hamilton joins the Prime Minister on a visit to Newlyn, Cornwall

JOHN MAJOR went among the fishermen of Cornwall yesterday, forsaking the soap box to discuss the plaice box. Unfortunately it was a fine, calm morning, and the trawlermen of Newlyn preferred being out earning a living.

Last week, Newlyn quayside was Goldsmith territory, the scene of an enthusiastic reception for Sir James, who had the benefit of advance publicy. Mr Major's early morning presence was announced only minutes beforehand on breakfast television, giving Newlyn no time to turn out in force. And there was not a quota-hopper in sight: they tend to go to Penzance to offload their catches onto Spanish trucks.

Relics of Sir James's visit still decorated the harbour, with several boats flying the Referendum Party flag, and a large banner on the quayside proclaiming: "Save our Soles." John and Norma Major ignored them and picked their way across the ice and water of the auction shed to be photographed with a man holding up a huge dead turbot. They smiled bravely.

A friendly vessel was at hand. Tied up alongside and sporting a large Conservative flag, the beam trawler *Cornishman* had just landed 100 boxes of mixed fish, which was sold in the shed by an incomprehensible auctioneer. Cornish fishermen have no great complaint about stocks, only that quota-hopping boats — British-registered but owned and often mannned by Spaniards, Frenchmen or Norwegians — scoop the harvest.

Escorted by the *Cornishman*'s owner Elizabeth Stevenson, the Majors went aboard for coffee with the crew in the galley, and to hear the complaints of the fishermen's representatives. On the quayside, opinion tended not to favour Mr Major or Europe. Donald Turtle, a local trawler owner, said: "I have voted Tory for 50 years. This time, I shall be voting for another party."

Mick Mahon, a skipper, declared himself for the Referendum Party and claimed the credit, when the Canadians famously arrested a Spanish trawler, for switching government support from Spain to Canada: "The trouble is, there are no votes in fishermen; they are too thinly spread out."

Fishermen are like farmers — permanently pessimistic. Mr Mahon said that last year, 22 Newlyn boats had been decommissioned, and the situation was slowly destroying the community. Every fishermen at sea creates five jobs ashore.

Down in the *Cornishman*'s galley, Mr Major was listening to fishermen's representatives complain that he had not made it sufficiently clear in the past that he opposed the federalist road. He invited them to Downing Street for talks, and promised that at the inter-governmental conference in June Britain would stand firm against quota hoppers.

Cornish fishermen still intend to sail their boats to a demonstration in Plymouth on Friday, but yesterday they seemed easily pleased by Mr Major's assurances. Captain John Portus, one of their leaders, said: "He is committed to making the British fishing industry viable beyond 2002. What he is saying today is what the industry wants to hear."

Newlyn is in the Falmouth constituency where Sebastian Coe is defending a Tory majority of 3,267. Mr Major went away relieved that he had not faced a demonstration. The *Cornishman* crew went away happy that turbot was making £8.50 a kilo.

Labour raises campaign cash with hotel surcharge scam

James Landale on the secret subsidising of Tony Blair's travelling costs

LABOUR was embroiled yesterday in a "cash for rooms" scandal after it was revealed that the party had secretly arranged for the media to subsidise the cost of Tony Blair's hotel accommodation during the election campaign.

Party officials were forced to admit that each journalist and cameraman travelling with the Labour leader had to pay a surcharge without their knowledge to help cover the party's costs.

The scam unravelled after reporters, whose hotel rooms had been booked by Labour, discovered they were being charged substantially more than those who had booked rooms themselves. Instead of the basic £108 room rate for block bookings at the luxury Hyatt Regency Hotel in Birmingham, the media yesterday had to pay the full rate of £148. This meant the 40 reporters and cameramen staying at the hotel were unwittingly contributing £1,600 to Labour's final bill. That sum would have just about covered the cost of Mr and Mrs Blair's £475-a-night suite and the 12 rooms occupied by an advance Labour team in the city for yesterday's education speech.

Labour spokesmen blamed the confusion on an overzealous official at headquarters in London who had taken the party's wish to make the campaign tour self-financing too literally. They apologised and promised a refund.

Lesley Smith, a Labour spokeswoman, said: "We do attempt to cover the cost of a small number of staff members but in this case it was somewhat overdone. The £40 that should have been your discount was credited to us. Those of you who paid £148 will be refunded with £40."

She added: "It was confusion rather than conspiracy. It is very unfortunate and we are very sorry."

Roddy Gordon, director of marketing at the Hyatt, said: "The Labour Party asked us to mark up the rates. We negotiated an arrangement with the Labour Party and they asked us to put the rates up. During the negotiating process, we were asked to credit the master account of the Labour Party to the tune of £40 per individual."

Alan Duncan, a Tory vice-chairman and member of his party's campaign team, said: "If Labour has any honesty left, they should subject themselves to a windfall tax on their excess profits."

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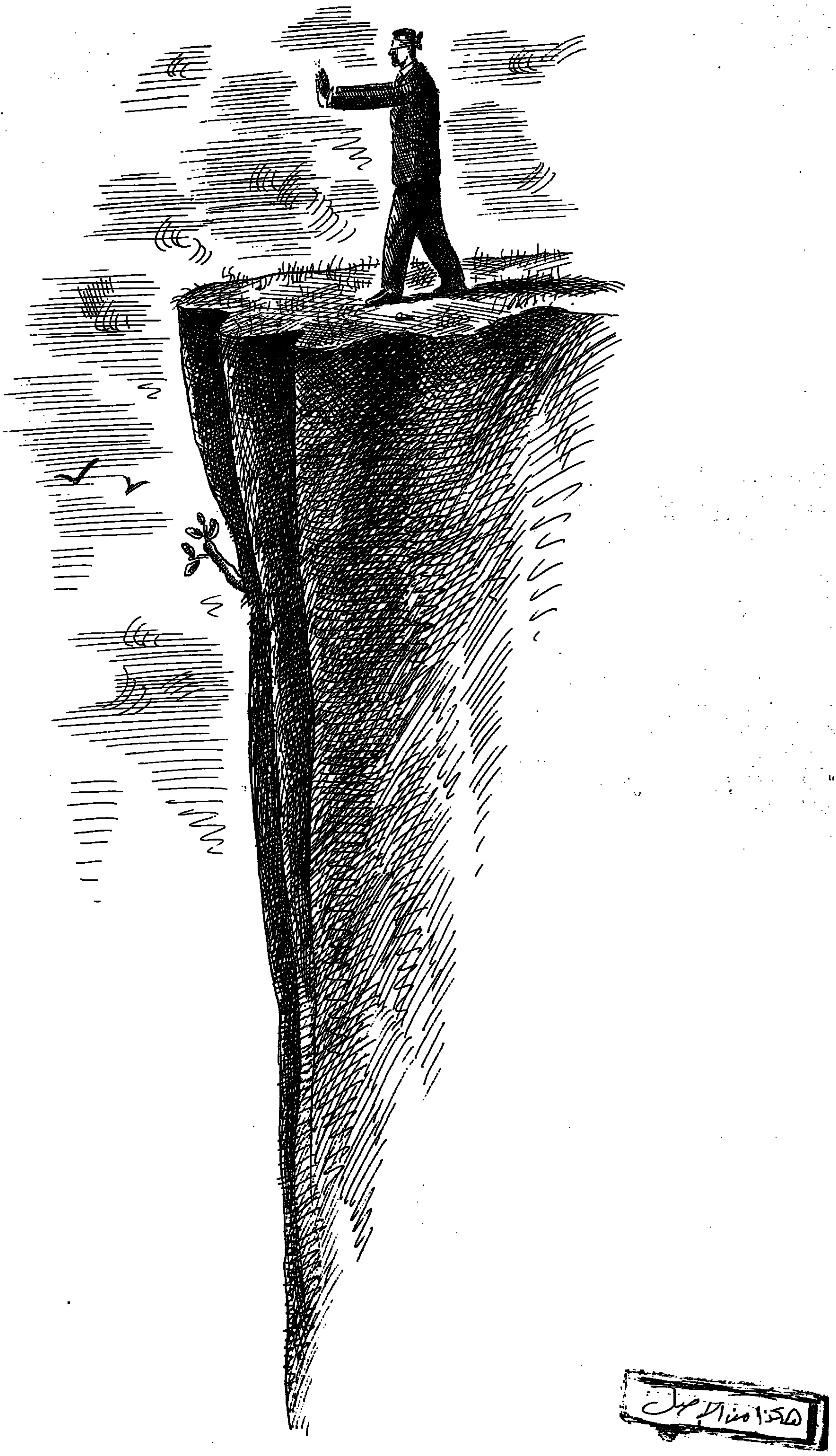

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Major steps up the attack with accusation against Labour leader of 'hypocrisy'

Blair pledges to create 300 more specialist schools

By Jill Sherman and Arthur Leathley

THE LABOUR CAMPAIGN

TONY BLAIR yesterday announced plans for an extra 300 specialist schools, as he set out proposals to raise educational standards, and was last night accused by John Major of "hypocrisy".

Mr Major made a personal attack on the Labour leader, ridiculing Mr Blair's comments that he wanted to give all children the same opportunities as he had given his own son (who is now at the London Oratory, a grant-maintained school). "What Mr Blair wants for his own child is a place in a grant-maintained school — a type of school which Tory policies created, a type of school his party tried to stop, a type of school his party's policies would end," said Mr Major.

"The truth is — what he wants for his own children, he doesn't want for yours. What he has for his own children he wants to take away from yours. This isn't a manifesto — it's a shameless contract with hypocrisy."

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, last night accused Mr Major of ducking the big questions on education and preferring "to engage in a bout of personal abuse".

Mr Blair, speaking in Birmingham yesterday, promised an expansion of the schools which now specialise in languages, sports, arts, and technology and can select up to 15 per cent of their pupils on ability. He made clear that he would encourage schools to apply for the extra funding for specialist status particularly those in inner-city areas.

Under the scheme, schools get an extra £100,000 in capital if they can match this with £100,000 raised from business sponsorship. The Government also allows an extra £100 per pupil for three years.

The 231 existing schools, both grant-maintained and comprehensive, can select on the basis of aptitude in certain skills, such as music or languages. Mr Blunkett repeated yesterday that there would be "no further selection" under Labour but aides insisted that children would not selected on general academic ability.

Under Labour's scheme, bids for specialist schools would only be considered if neighbouring schools were to be allowed access to the facilities.

Mr Blair made clear that the 160 grammar schools would also be protected unless there a majority of parents wanted to change their status. Nor would there be a vendetta against existing grant-maintained (GM) schools, he said. "GM schools will prosper. Church schools will too: they have been a key part of our education system for 100 years, and long may they remain so. We will tackle what isn't working, not what is."

He said that it was vital to establish the principle that failure of schools was unacceptable. Those in difficulty would be saved but those beyond saving would be closed and replaced by new schools with new head teachers. "Schools must have zero tolerance of failure. We will ensure that there is a closer connection between identifying schools in difficulty and supporting them in the improvement process," he said. "For years there has been talk of success for all; now we have to mean it."

He also emphasised the need for good teachers and gave warning against trouble from teachers' unions. "It is intolerable for pupils to be saddled with teachers who cannot teach; and intolerable for the image of teaching to be defined by extremist and wild resolutions at union conferences. That does nothing but damage to the profession."

Mr Major last night emphasised his personal background when he derided the record on education of Labour councils in poor areas. He drew attention to Tory efforts to help small businesses, reminding Tory activists of his family's difficulties during his young days.

Lisa Potts, who saved children from a knife-wielding attacker last year, at lunch with Tony Blair yesterday

Leader pays tribute to machete victim

TONY BLAIR yesterday met Lisa Potts, the school assistant who was severely wounded in a machete attack last year.

When Horrett Campbell, a paranoid schizophrenic, entered the school where she works in Wolverhampton last July and began to attack the children with a 23in blade, Miss Potts threw herself in his path. She suffered severe injuries to her head, back and arms before the man was overpowered.

Mr Blair's wife, Cherie, met Miss Potts, 22, at an award ceremony recently and asked if she could visit St Luke's Primary School during the campaign. Yesterday the Blairs made a quiet visit and had lunch in the school canteen.

Miss Potts said: "I think Tony Blair is lovely. He is really nice and really friendly."

Asked about her injuries, she said: "I have a lot of difficulty driving. I still have a lot of headaches and blackouts. I still have flashbacks about that day, especially here at work."

Mr Blair said: "What Lisa did caught the imagination of everyone in this country. She is completely modest about it but she behaved with the most extraordinary courage. This is the best of the teaching profession." He added that he had wanted to visit a school that had come through a difficult time.

It was not clear whether or not Miss Potts would vote for Mr Blair at the election. Mrs Denise Bennett, St Luke's headteacher, insisted that the visit was not intended to be political. "This was a private visit and it was agreed there would be no political questions," she said. "How Miss Potts votes is her own private affair."

Labour relaunch was spurred by fall in polls and critical press

By Philip Webster and James Landale

THE decision that Tony Blair should, as his aides put it on Sunday, take the election by the "scruff of the neck" was made in Millbank Tower last Friday as party strategists prepared themselves for a rash of damaging "focus on the week" items in the weekend newspapers.

The MORI poll in *The Times* last Thursday, suggesting a big drop in Labour's poll lead, caused concern at the party headquarters in London, which was further deepened by articles in unfriendly Sunday newspapers suggesting that Mr Blair was more of a liability than an asset.

Mr Blair, Gordon Brown, the overall campaign chief, Peter Mandelson, leading strategist and Blair aide, Robin Cook, the policy chief, Alastair Campbell, his press secretary, Donald Dewar, the chief whip, and other senior aides agreed that Mr Blair himself should counter the attacks by taking an even greater frontline role.

That decision was presented early on Sunday morning by Labour as Mr Blair rising above "the Tory gutter" and cutting through the "media cynicism." But by the afternoon as the briefings hardened it began to sound more like the so-called "relaunch" portrayed in yesterday's newspapers.

Labour claimed that it wanted to move away from Tory negative campaigning because the polls showed that voters did not like it.

The truth was that the aim was to up the tempo as far as Mr Blair was concerned. And the fact that Mr Blair had a long-planned speech in Birmingham yesterday on education was the perfect springboard.

Yesterday, on Day One of the rest of the campaign, the new strategy was clearly in place. After delivering his speech — notably omitting a few pre-planned jibes at the Tories — Mr Blair then intervened in the other main election story of the day, using an interview on *The World at One* on BBC Radio 4 to harden Labour's line on the fish battle with the European Union.

Mr Blair was also interviewed by 10 regional newspapers and television stations in the Midlands and the North. Labour aides said the impact of the local media was vital to the campaign and as important as the national media.

Later, Mr Blair opened a new sports centre at Oldham where he was mobbed by hundreds of schoolchildren. As aides had promised on Sunday, he also gave an apparently impromptu speech outside his battlebus before returning to London.

"These Tories, you know, they are going to attack us and you," he said. "They are negative, they are nasty, they are personal. But there is a stronger weapon than the fear of the Tories. And that is hope. We can drive these Conservatives out if we have the strength and confidence to say that Britain can be better than 18 years of Tory government."

Tonight the focus will again be on Mr Blair when Labour's election broadcast allies him to the British bulldog spirit.

IN BRIEF

Tory leaflet withdrawn

A Conservative Party candidate last night withdrew a leaflet carrying the slogan "Sinn Fein wants you to vote new Labour" after it was disowned by Conservative Central Office. Peter Scrope, a former soldier who is standing in Labour-held Darlington, apologised for publishing the leaflet after Labour and the Liberal Democrats accused him of gutter politics. Mr Scrope said the leaflet "oversimplified" the issues, but stood by a letter sent to former servicemen in the constituency in which he said Labour was "soft on terrorism".

Demon adverts

The Tory "demon eyes" campaign against Tony Blair was the subject of the second highest number of complaints last year, the advertising industry watchdog has revealed. Only a provocative commercial for women's underwear received more objections.

Copy candidate

The Attorney-General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, will today ask the High Court to ban a candidate from opposing him under the adopted name of "Sir Nicholas Lyell" in North East Bedfordshire. The Tories described the opponent, formerly called Peter Rubery Hayward, as a nuisance.

Labour saluted

Sir Peter de la Billière, who led British forces in the Gulf War, supported Labour plans for a thorough defence spending review, a proposal that has been attacked by the Tories. His comments came as the Ministry of Defence confirmed spending cuts of 2.2 per cent.

Sleaze candidate

A 7ft transvestite in platform heels is to stand in Tatton against Neil Hamilton and Martin Bell after handing in the £500 deposit. The candidate, known as The Transformer, who is the figurehead for a nightclub, will campaign for the young, old, gay and ethnic minorities.

Local soundings do not suggest a great enthusiasm for Labour

PETER RIDDELL

THE election result looks by no means as clear cut on the ground as it does from London. The certainties of the national polls and day-to-day obsessions of the media and political circus around Smith Square and Millbank are soon put into perspective once one visits the constituency battlefront. Nobody to whom I spoke yesterday mentioned any of the rows or alleged gaffes in the morning's headlines.

I travelled to the North West, where there are a dozen of the key marginal seats that Labour needs to win for an overall majority. In particular, I visited Alistair Burt, Social Security minister for the disabled, who has held Bury North for the past 14 years.

Labour requires a swing of 4.1 per cent to capture the seat, high by historic standards but dwarfed by the double figure swings suggested by recent polls. On that basis, Mr Burt should be heading for defeat. And unless the national shares of the vote get much closer by May 1, that is what will happen, despite Mr Burt's solid record as a well respected local member. But this does not appear a foregone conclusion in the constituency itself.

A seat as critical as Bury North, one of the 70 most tightly fought contests in the country, has attracted national attention. John Major popped in by helicopter last week to visit a local hospital and John Prescott spoke in the town centre, making an unfortunate slip in praising the local candidate as "the man for Bolton". Bury people do not like being mixed up with those from Bolton.

From my short visit and from conversations with candidates elsewhere in the country, I believe there are at least some questions that challenge common national assumptions.

The public is undoubtedly fed up with the Government and its broken promises, and worried about the health service and education. But there is scant evidence of great enthusiasm for Labour and some worries about Tony Blair personally.

Mr Burt claims little evidence of direct switching from Tory to Labour, contrary to the national poll figures, but admits doubts among previous Tory supporters.

Labour candidates elsewhere in the country report worries about the level of commitment and turnout among two groups: middle-aged and elderly traditional "old Labour" voters who do not warm to Mr Blair, and young first-time voters who are turned off from politics and may not vote at all.

Labour's problem is to generate enthusiasm for what it can do, as opposed to just "time for a change". This was suggested by Mr Blair's launch of his education proposals yesterday. But much more is needed.

After talking to Mr Burt, I walked across to Bury parish church, where Sir Robert Peel, the Conservative Prime Minister of the 1830s and 1840s, was baptised in 1788. He understood the need to address issues clearly rather than to fudge and to equivocate — even at the cost, in his case, of splitting his party over the repeal of the Corn Laws. Nobody is prepared to act like that in this election.

Slimline Healey goes on the run

Damian Whitworth on a political weasel raising eyebrows in Leeds

WHILE many of Labour's old guard are being kept safely out of sight during this election, two of the trickiest weasels of post-war British politics were let out for a run yesterday. Denis Healey's eyebrows were on the campaign trail. There seems to be something of a trend developing for former Chancellors to slim down. Where Lord Lawson led Lord Healey of Riddlesden has followed. The famous eyebrows now frame a tanned, relaxed face which glows on top of a leaner, trimmer figure.

Lord Healey, who is 79, leapt out of his car as it was still moving and almost skipped up to the doors of White Laithe Court, a sheltered housing complex in Whinmoor, a corner of Yorkshire which used to be in his old seat of Leeds East but has now been subsumed by neighbouring Elmet, a Tory marginal. Lord Healey, who held Leeds East for 40 years until retiring at the last election, came to show the younger generation how to woo the voters. When he had done it was tempting to think that if new Labour had an old warhorse like him for every new Armani-clad apparatchik they would be laughing.

Laughing is something that Healey does a lot. And those around can't help but join in. "Hello young people," he boomed as he breezed into a room crammed with elderly folk jostling for position in wheel chairs. "What a beautiful young lady! Do you mind if I...?" he asked Louise Jackson, 98, as he kissed her hand. "What do you look for when you see a pin flying through the air?" he asked. "John Major with a grenade in his mouth." His audience roared, he kissed some more hands and tea was brought. Maisie Bannon, 76, told him that she had recently completed a degree course in mathematics. "She's amazing, she knows all about the Infotech," said Healey. "The Internet," corrected Mrs Bannon.

Healey: shed a stone in past four months

Ada Dockerty, 79, told him straight out: "You are looking better since you lost your weight." Her friends huddled closer, ears were pinned back. "Well, do you know," started Lord Healey, "I was told by the doctor that I've got post-maturity diabetes and I've got to go on a diet. No sugar, no fat and go easy on the alcohol. I've lost a stone in four months and I hope to lose another two stone this year and I feel great."

His audience nodded appreciably and then there was some more talk about Ireland and the war and what it was like campaigning, unsuccessfully, back in 1945. "I'm only doing one day's campaigning a week and I'll be 80 in August so I think this will be my last campaign," he declared.

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Anthony Howard assesses the prospects for the Liberal Democrats in their traditional stronghold

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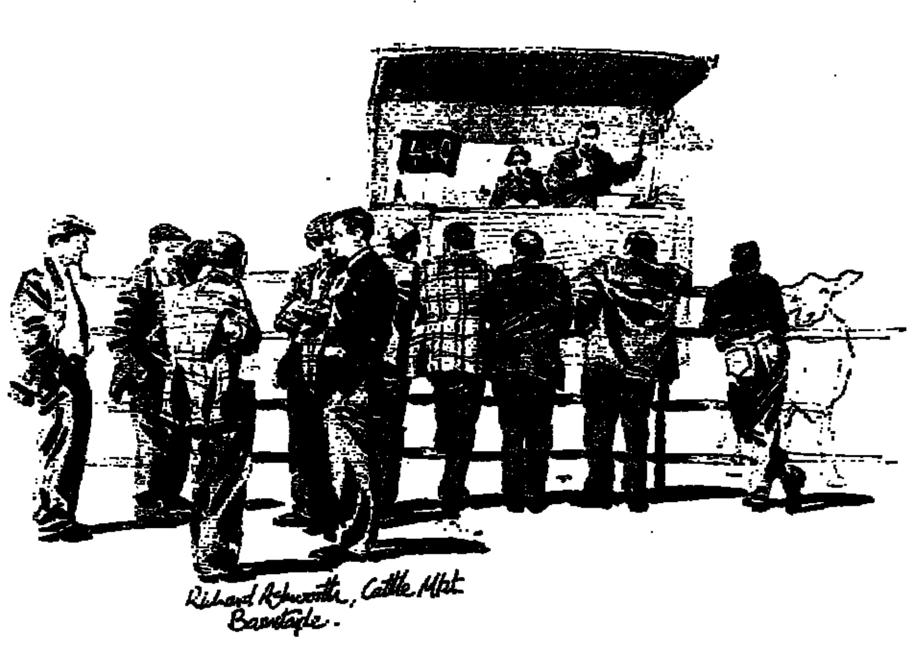
Astute network in West backs man from MI6



IN 1976, a young officer of MI6 asked for an interview with the Secret Intelligence Service's head of personnel. When he arrived at "circus" HQ, he intimated that he wished to retire from the service and, when asked why, blurted out: "You see, sir, I want to be a Liberal candidate." His reward was a disdainful look and the exasperated instruction: "Oh, do please grow up."

Twenty-one years later, Paddy Ashdown *has* grown up — and so, in a sense, has the party he leads. With its poll figures still below its 1992 *performance, it* hardly looks poised for a dramatic breakthrough in terms of the popular vote. But it has at last learnt how to fight elections not just as "pavement politics" but in a professional way.

The *proof is to be found* in its West Country heartland, where it holds four parliamentary seats and is defiantly hopeful of gaining up to a dozen more. That kind of target is almost certainly unrealistic. Yet with a firm *hold* on local government and the 1994 capture of two European seats, the party is more solidly rooted in the West Country political soil than at any general election since 1945.

At a minimum, it has manoeuvred itself into a position in which, with the significant exception of the two largest cities of Plymouth and Exeter, it can claim to provide the sole credible alternative to the Tories. But how will that claim play in an election in which nationally Labour still looks the odds-on favourite? Two opposite views can be held about that.

One is that the likely prospect of a Blair government will enable the remnant of Labour's faithful supporters in the South West to vote, for once, with their hearts rather than their heads — to put a cross against the name of the candidate they genuinely favour without any fear of imperilling a Labour victory nationally.

The rival view maintains that the absence of any neck-and-neck element affords the luxury even to Left-inclined voters of ensuring that their choice counts. It is only by tactical voting that they, too, can play their part in bringing about a landslide victory. Precisely how that dilemma is resolved will depend on circumstances in each constituency. There could not, for example, be a sharper contrast than between the two furthest western constituencies on mainland Britain.

In Falmouth and Camborne, a seat that remained loyal to Labour until 1970, just over 1,000 votes separated the two opposition parties at the last election — a piece of "bunching" that allowed Sebastian Coe to sprint home to victory by more than 3,000 votes. This time the Labour candidate should be able to count on a national swing to *put him* over the top.

But in neighbouring St Ives, statistically the Liberal Democrats' best bet in the region, the background is very different. Labour, with barely 9,000 votes, was nowhere at the last election. Even more pertinently, the Liberal Democrat candidate — who, unlike the previous Tory MP, is standing again — came within 1,600 votes of victory. If the "wasted" vote argument has any validity, it certainly operates against Labour in St Ives.

It does so also elsewhere — which, no doubt, explains why Conservative candidates in these parts frequently display a surprising solicitude towards Labour opponents. Even before the campaign got properly underway, David Nicholson, one of the beleaguered West Country Tories, announced that in Taunton the contest was far from being "a two-horse race".

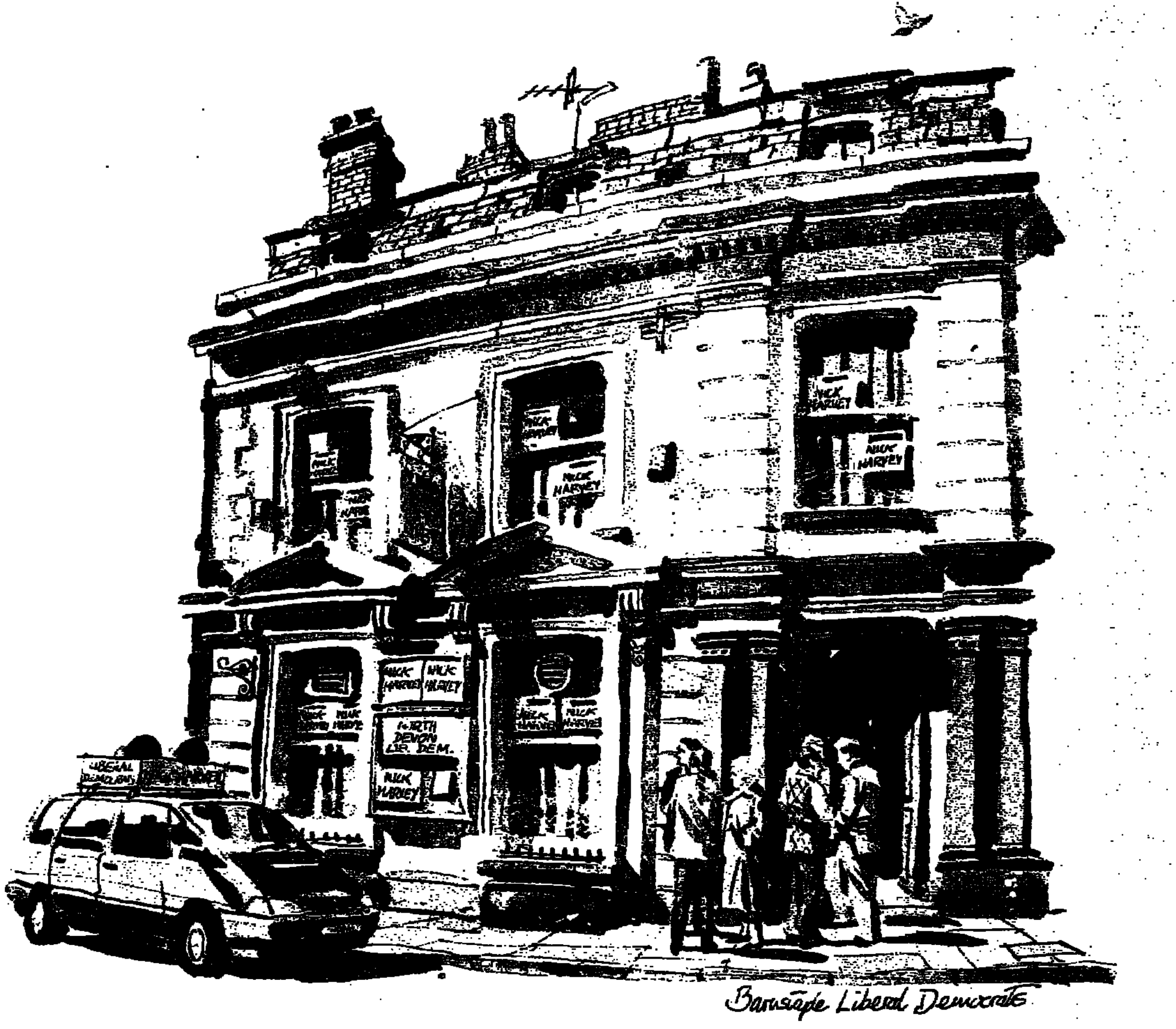
Since the Taunton Labour candidate came in a bad third at the last election, that could not help sounding like a prophecy delivered in defiance of the evidence. Presumably, a decision to bolster the chances of his Labour opponent suddenly seemed to Mr Nicholson to offer a path towards salvation. (A better one may prove to be the issue of stag-hunting, which may yet trip up the Liberal Democrat in Taunton, who makes no secret of her support of last week's National Trust report.)

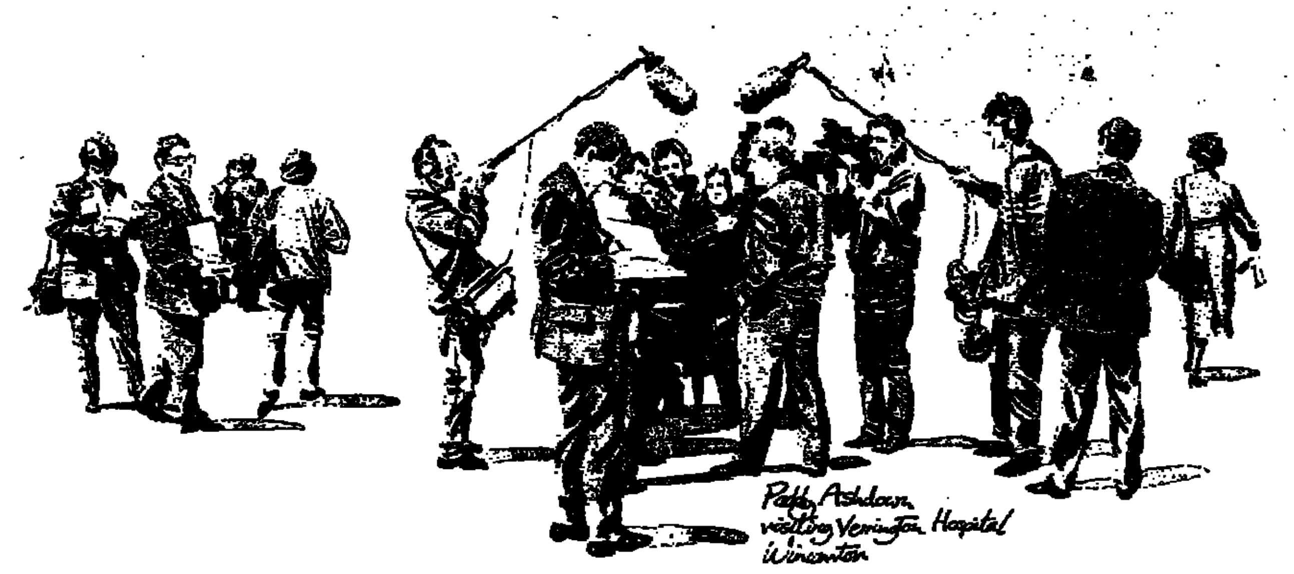
The dependence of West Country Conservatives on the survival of a decent Labour vote has always been part of the politics of the region. When Jeremy Thorpe, sallying out from the imposing building that houses the Liberal Club in Barnstaple, first won the North Devon seat in 1959, he did so despite all the plaudits heaped by local Tories on his long-*forgotten Labour opponent.*

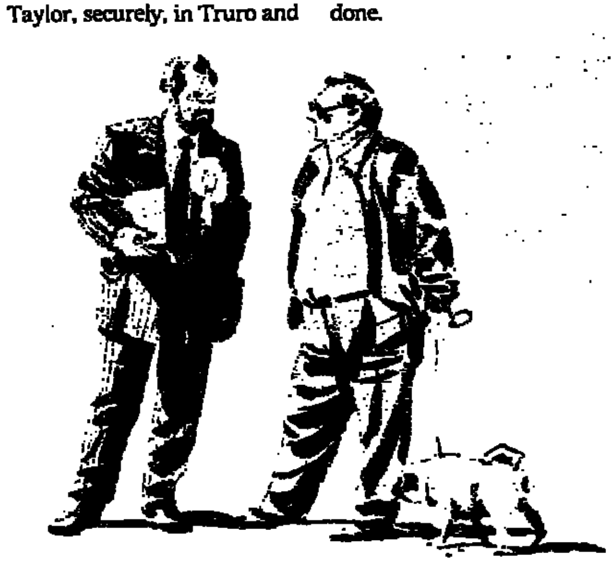
Yet there remains a difference between that aborted Liberal revival and the one that now appears under way. In the 1950s and 1960s, the regional rebellion against the Tories frankly drew *its* strength from a personality cult, notably of Thorpe himself. This time round the predominant impression is of candidates who — however competent and conscientious they may be — have little claim to be considered colourful, still less charismatic.

Even the three Liberal Democrats defending seats in Devon and Cornwall — Nick Harvey, precariously, in North Devon, Paul Tyler, slightly more comfortably, in North Cornwall and Matthew Taylor, securely, in Truro and St Austell — appear to lack the capacity to set the bracken on fire.

That leaves out of account the Ashdown factor. There can be no doubt that in this area the Liberal Democrat leader, engaged though he may well be on his last hurrah, is seen as his party's greatest asset. The spy who came in from the cold has, after all, shown the rest of them how it can be done.







Ashdown ridicules his rivals' tax plans

Polly Newton on the Lib Dems' claim that the other parties are offering 'sweet nothing'

PADDY ASHDOWN claimed last night that Tory and Labour sums on taxation and spending did not add up.

Speaking at a rally in Aberdeen, the Liberal Democrat leader accused his opponents of offering "Polo economics". Mr Ashdown said: "Their manifestos are sugary and sweet. The wish-lists they offer will cost you a mint. But the costings they offer are mints with a hole in the middle."

Mr Ashdown said that the electorate had lost faith in politicians because neither the Conservatives nor Labour had been honest with them about tax. "We will never rebuild trust in our democracy, unless we re-establish public confidence in the way governments deal with tax."

He said that only the Liberal Democrats offered "clear, costed commitments" including the pledge to put up the basic rate of income tax by 1p to raise an extra £2 billion a year for investment in education. The party would "ring-fence" the money to ensure that it was spent by local authorities on education, not on other services.

The arrangements would be overseen by the National Audit Office and the Audit Commission, "to monitor every pound that we invest in education, health and other public services". at the end of every year, the public would be told what the extra money had achieved.

Mr Ashdown said that the Liberal Democrats would draw up a "tax contract" with the electorate, explaining how their money had been used and offering voters the chance to say each year where they would like to see more money spent or spending cut. "It amounts to the most radical change in the relationship between the taxpaying citizen and the tax-spending state since the last century."

He depicted a post-election Conservative Party, under a new, more right-wing leader. In America, Mr Ashdown said, welfare spending had been cut and the cities "almost abandoned" to the poor and the unemployed. The middle classes bought private education, private education and private security. "That's the right-wing American model which a Conservative Party dominated by the likes of Michael Portillo and Michael Howard would follow — and which Labour is now dangerously close to accepting."

Earlier, Mr Ashdown took a swipe at the media coverage of the election, accusing reporters of failing to cover substantive issues. "Maybe the press ought to reflect that the only profession less trusted and less respected than politicians in Britain is the press. Maybe we both have a duty to put our houses in order, to make sure that this is an election in which we explain as much as gaffe-hunt."

☐ Mr Ashdown yesterday invited voters from the ethnic minorities to regard the Liberal Democrats, which is fielding more non-white candidates than the Tories or Labour, as their natural party. He was surrounded by most of the 19 hopefuls, consisting of 12 people with antecedents in the Indian Sub-Continent, four black candidates, two of Chinese origin and one originally from Iraq. Most are fighting unwinnable seats.

He took a risk with Muslim voters by declaring that the future of divided Kashmir should be decided between the Indian and Pakistani governments. Campaigners want the Kashmiris to have a seat at the negotiating table.

Surveys hint that the real fight is beginning at last

THE POLLS

Bob Worcester

THE Conservatives are up an average three points, to 32 per cent, and Labour is down by four, to 49 per cent, since the first week of the campaign. There have been seven polls published since my report last week and a clear pattern is emerging, led by the MORI poll in *The Times* last Thursday which so galvanised the Prime Minsiter.

At the last election the Tories won (barely) with 43 per cent. Unless and until they again get to 43 per cent, they will not be returned to office. Unless they get to 39 per cent, there will be an overall Labour majority. The last time the Tories had as much as 39 per cent was August 1992, the month before Black Wednesday when the pound was forced out of the ERM. So far in the campaigns, they have clawed back just three points of the 14 needed to return to office. And just 17 days to go.

Doesn't seem like much? To put it into perspective, the polls in the first week of the campaign would have given Labour a 261-seat majority over all other parties. This past week's average would be 177.

The trends to date project, statistically, to 46 per cent Labour, 34 per cent Tory, 15 per cent Liberal Democrat, for a projected overall majority of 107 seats. My own belief is the electorate is beginning to focus on the election, and the choice between alternatives.

I believe that the election has not yet caught fire, and that there will be more narrowing in the polls over the next fortnight.

My current forecast, in line with the average of the Reuter's panel of psephologists, is that the Labour Party will win the election with somewhat of the order of 45 per cent for Labour, 35 per cent for the Conservatives, 15 per cent for the Liberal Democrats and 5 per cent others. This would give Labour an overall majority in the House of Commons of 81 seats.

☐ *Bob Worcester is chairman of MORI*

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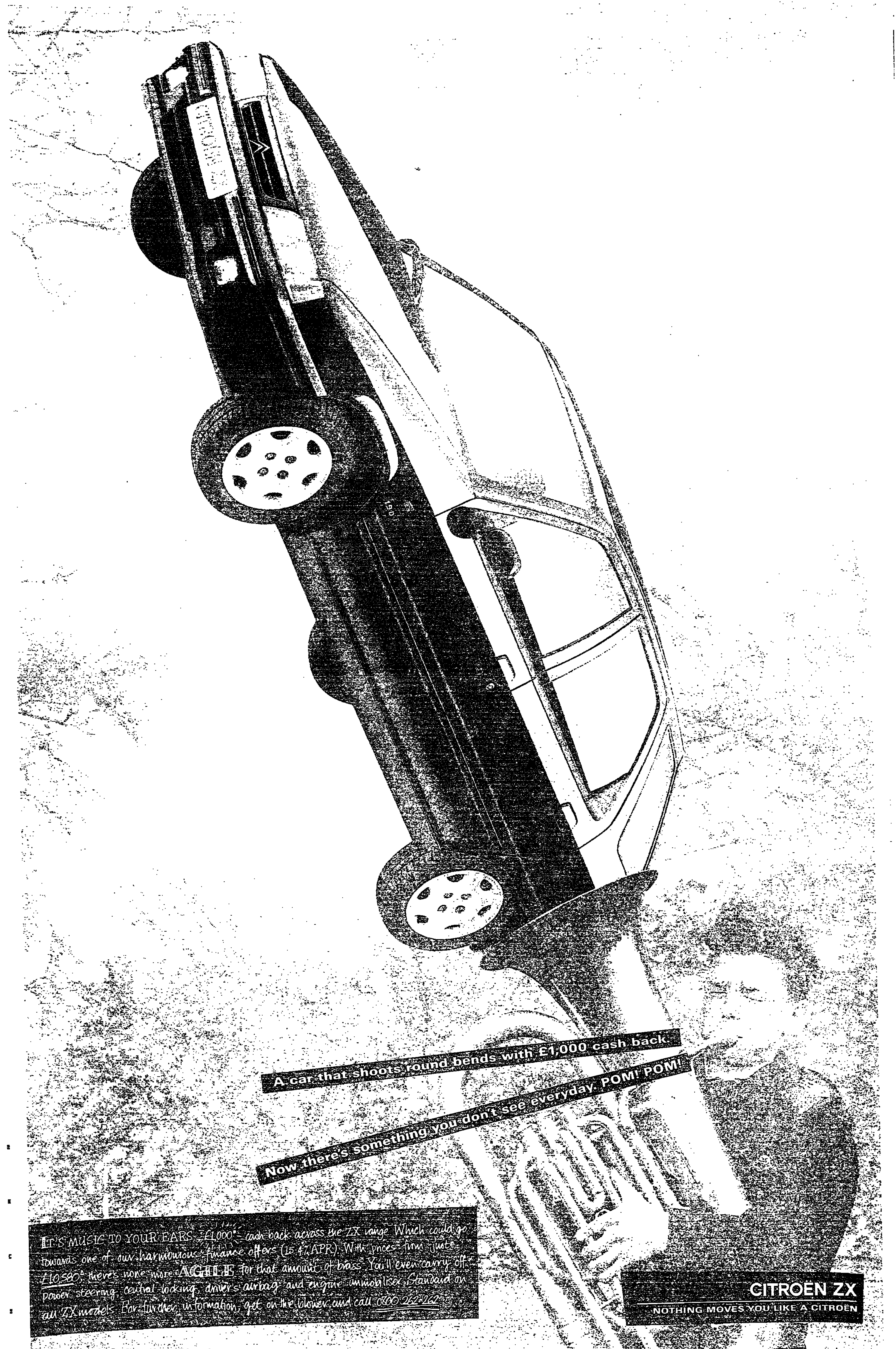
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Bellamy: candidate

Bellamy seeks rare species

By Daniel McGrory

HIS arms flailing like windmills, the ecologist David Bellamy was out searching for a rare species — a genuine Referendum Party voter — in Huntington's pedestrian precinct yesterday.

In five minutes, he secured pledges of support from an anarchist shop assistant, a lifelong Tory couple, a butcher, four teenage girl voters and a busker with a banjo.

John Major is defending a majority of 36,230 in the constituency. Bellamy, 63, admits: "I'd hate to be in Parliament. I don't care about that nonsense, but I do care that Europe is ruining the coast and countryside."

Voters offered marching tune to the polling booth

Joe Joseph on the man who sees the Referendum Party as a Top Ten hit

THERE has been Benny Hill's *Ernie*, and Clive Dunn's *Grandad*. Yesterday another novelty single was released in the hopes of matching their chart success: the unofficial anthem of the Referendum Party.

The song — *Let The People Decide* by The Rabble Army — was written by a party candidate who is also a Pentecostal minister and one-time pop composer. His wife is the lead vocalist.

The Rev George Hargreaves hopes "by the grace of God, to see it in the Top Ten in election week". He is dousing his own hopes of a vote-boosting appearance by Sir James Goldsmith on *Top of the Pops*. The engaging 39-year-old pastor, who runs the Hephzibah Christian Centre in Hackney with his wife, Maxine, has somehow convinced himself that Sir James would decline a guest spot, even if fears of political bias were somehow overlooked.

Over at Referendum Party headquarters in Westminster they were not ruling it in, nor were they definitely ruling it out. An aide said: "I just can't say whether he would turn up or not. We will monitor the progress of the record. We will certainly be watching with interest."

Mr Hargreaves has previously composed the hit song *So Macho* for Sinitta and *Problematic* for Five Star, and penned the theme tune for BBC's 1980s daytime show *Pebble Mill At One*. He is standing for election in Walthamstow, east London.

How did Hargreaves decide it was his mission to provide the Referendum Party's marching tune? "I'm a songwriter. I suggested to the party managers that a song would be a good way to get a message across. If you remember Sir James's speech about a rabble army, that struck a chord with me. I expect it to be in the charts this time next week. The buzz has been tremendous."

One verse runs:

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Without a word or a second thought.

Not quite as catchy as chicken pox, maybe, but then again Sir Tim Rice became a rich man on lyrics that were often as arresting as the instructions on a tube of hand cream. The important thing, Mr Hargreaves said, is to provide a marching tune to the polling booths on May 1.

"Throughout history, every great struggle for freedom has been accompanied by song, whether it be the negro spiritual or the songs of Vera Lynn," he said. "Our fight for a free and fair referendum on Europe also has its song, an anthem that articulates in words and music the plea of millions around the country. A song that we shall sing in one voice."

I got the picture. All I was saying was that it seems a shame to waste a vote-winning chance by not luring Sir James on to *Top Of The Pops*.

"My wife will be on there, performing." But what about Sir James? Possibly in a spandex suit?

"Look, I'm not a gambling man," said the pastor, "but it'll be safe money to bet that Sir James will not appear on *Top Of The Pops*."

How unlike Referendum Party people to be so lacking in faith, especially in the face of improbable odds.

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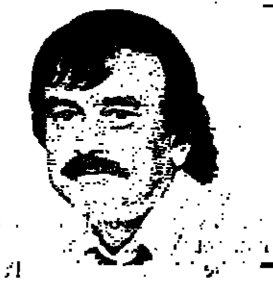
"WE'RE the rabble army, ooh-ooh-ooh, hear our battle cry, ooh-ooh-ooh!" Dial 0894 334433, hold the receiver well away from the ear, and prepare to be amazed by the Rev George Hargreaves's battle cry for Sir James. Actually, as three-chord singalongs go, it isn't bad. An adenoidal lady, her voice tremulous with patriotic fervour, delivers the verse in sub-Joan Baez style. Then what sounds like a handpicked team of tone-deaf lager louts blasts out the good minister's memorable chorus. I don't know what effect they will have on the election campaign, but by God they frighten me.

Richard Morrison

PETER NICHOLS

The Rev George Hargreaves with copies of The Rabble Army's political anthem

Major reveals his strategy — to keep on pedalling



Peter Barnard finds the Prime Minister caught out by the deceptively easy delivery of a radio all-rounder

WHEN John Major escaped from the angry fishermen of Newlyn, Cornwall, yesterday he must have been relieved to know that his next task was to be interviewed down the line from London by a former Radio 1 disc jockey who once did a commentary on women's cricket for local radio.

He should have known better.

Sybil Ruscoe versus John Major looked, to the political sophisticates, like batting practice against the juniors. But Ruscoe of Radio 5 Live is a feisty all-rounder who is as likely to take wickets as to concede runs.

Not that Mr Major made a gaffe or produced a startling revelation. But Ruscoe opened up the real man and thus served the interests of an electorate desperate to know what these great pretenders are all about.

The prime example was this question from Ruscoe: "What do you think has driven you from a two-bedroomed house in Brixton to Downing Street?" This sounded simple enough to answer and it certainly goes to the heart of why we *should* or *should* not vote for this man.

Yet it was nearly a second before Mr Major spoke. He seemed stumped: "Well, I can't honestly answer that question, it's extremely difficult to be introspective and try and explain what drives an individual. The usual political nonsense that people trot out on these occasions I think is best avoided.

"The truth is, it is very difficult to define. What drove Hillary and Tenzing to climb Everest? It was there, is the true answer. Politics is a bit like bicycling, if you keep bicycling you will get there in the end." So much for the grand vision: just get on a bike and pedal up a mountain.

And when you consider how much grief "family values" have brought to the Tories, one might wonder why Mr Major did not discover this more prosaic approach to morality years ago: "It is the Church and the bishops from whom people really expect to take a moral lead. The moral dimension to politics says there is a responsibility amongst the haves to help the have-nots."

Much has been seen, but little heard, in this campaign of Norma Major and Cherie Booth: the Spouse Girls. How important had Norma been?

"I don't believe the wife as part of the political package is an essential in politics. I believe the spouse has an absolute right to their own individuality. But Norma has always been there, always been wholly supportive. I've always been able to go home, close the door and politics is locked outside."

Earlier in the day, on *Election Call* (BBC 1 and Radio 4), a theory emerged about the inordinate length of the election campaign. The effect of the drug administered to Labour frontbenchers by Dr Mandelson at his Millbank Tower surgery, designed to ensure that they forget the word socialism, appears to be wearing off.

Mr Major's canny decision to go for a six-week campaign could mean Dr Mandelson's patients will have to return for expensive booster injections.

Ruscoe: opened up the real John Major

Richard Battye from Weymouth, Dorset, asked Margaret Beckett, Labour's Trade and Industry spokeswoman: "Are you still a socialist?" Beckett: "Yes, of course". One sensed the sound of filing cabinets being opened at Millbank as charge nurses working for the chief spin-doctor rushed to check that Mrs Beckett had been given the *prescribed 10ml*.

But the media highlight of the day, also on *Election Call*, involved a question about pornography and requires no further comment from me. Peter Sissons: "We've a call *now* from Mary Whitehouse in Colchester. Not *the* Mary Whitehouse."

Mary Whitehouse: "Who said that?"

Sissons: "It is *the* Mary Whitehouse."

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Kinshasa becomes a ghost town as Mobutu is defied

Sam Kiley sees the Zairean capital express its contempt for the embattled dictator as more towns fall to the rebel advance

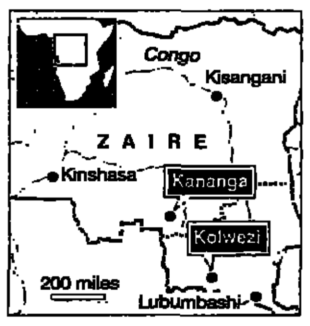
CHILDREN played football in streets normally crammed with traffic and state-run buses cruised empty, as Kinshasa's five million residents shut down the capital in a protest at the rule of President Mobutu Sese Seko yesterday.

Kinshasa's Opposition gave Mr Mobutu, 66, a clear message that it wants him to leave office, as Laurent Kabila's rebel forces walked unopposed into two more towns in Zaire's interior.

The *ville morte* (dead city) strike had been called by Etienne Tshisekedi, the Prime Minister sacked by Mr Mobutu last week. The President has imposed a state of emergency in those areas that still recognise him as head of state. But Kinshasa's residents signalled their disgust with martial law and their disdain for the man who imposed it by taking a day off work. The Opposition plans a further protest today, urging students to miss school and college.

Young thugs who support Mr Tshisekedi loitered on street corners and threatened to stone anyone who did not comply with the "dead city" declaration, but they were irrelevant to the Opposition's cause. "No one is going to move today, no one. Look, everyone wants Mobutu to go," said a delighted "Pappa" Jean Matadi, the driver for *The Times* in Kinshasa. He wound down his window to yell English obscenities at soldiers near Mr Tshisekedi's home. Earlier the troops had fired in the air to break up a small group of youths trying to set up barricades of burning tyres and fired on journalists. But this was the only drama in a day intended to send a message of silent contempt to Mr Mobutu, who has ruled Zaire since 1965.

In Matonge, which usually teems with West African traders and jungle-dwelling peasants selling smoked monkeys crucified on bamboo racks, all shops were barred and locked tight, the normally noisy bars silent. The capital's wide colonial-era boulevards were empty. "Very few of us have got any work and prices are going up all the time, because Kinshasa has been cut off from most of the rest of the country. To take a day off work means we get one less day's pay and we will go hungry," said Elizabeth Mbongo, a money-changer. "I will not eat today because I have done no business, and my children will go hungry. It is worth it just to get rid of Mobutu," said Mrs Mbongo.



Kananga, capital of West Kasai province, and Kolwezi, a major industrial centre in Shaba, have fallen to the rebels without a shot. In capturing Kananga, the rebels are 590 miles east of Kinshasa on the southern front. The Goma-based rebel radio, Voice of the People, claimed that rebel forces are just 185 miles from Kinshasa.

In Zaire's second city, Lubumbashi, which fell to the rebels last week and where Mr Kabila arrived yesterday, a new governor took over. Mr Kabila's financial commissioner said there that the rebels planned to renegotiate contracts with international mining companies.

Rebel troops are reportedly massing for an assault on Matadi, Zaire's Atlantic port. Few observers believe Mr Mobutu will be able to hold on for long. However, there are fears that he may unleash his presidential guard to create chaos in the capital. "He is angry and his pride has been hurt," said a member of his personal staff. As a result, diplomatic efforts are being made to persuade him to leave Zaire for exile.

The US, which once backed Mr Mobutu, has said publicly that the President, who has prostate cancer, should leave office. The view is shared by Britain and in other Western capitals. Thabo Mbeki, the South African Deputy President, said recently his country would not object to Mr Mobutu, who owns a house in the Cape, going there.

Members of the President's entourage said he would never step down under pressure. His son, Nzanga, 27, said: "We have taken on board a democratic logic. My father will go if he loses the elections." Although French diplomats, perhaps Mr Mobutu's last supporters, insisted that a transition of power should occur only through the ballot box, other envoys dismiss the suggestion. "Mobutu and his cronies have done nothing but obstruct the democratic process in Zaire for the last seven years. The idea of elections now is a joke and a scam to screw money out of the international community," said one ambassador in Kinshasa.

Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, appealed to the international community yesterday to press Mr Kabila to accept a ceasefire and a negotiated solution to Zaire's crisis.

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Shops remain closed and shuttered as Kinshasa residents stay at home in a one-day protest at President Mobutu's refusal to step down

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Hostage families go on Kashmir quest

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
IN DELHI

RELATIVES of two British hostages in Kashmir have arrived in India to appeal for their release, fearing that, as the winter snows melt, they may be taken out of reach, high into the Himalayas.

Keith Mangan, 35, and Paul Wells, 26, were seized by Al Faran separatists while trekking in the Kashmir Valley. With two other tourists, Dirk Hasert of Germany and Donald Hutchings of America, they have been held for nearly two years. British authorities are assuming that the men are alive, but there are growing fears to the contrary.

Bob Wells, a sales manager *for a department store in* Blackburn, has taken leave to join a campaign for the release of his son, a photography student from London, and the other captives. "For over 21 months we have been kept in an agonising situation, not knowing the truth," he said in Delhi yesterday. "We are making this appeal on humanitarian, not political, grounds."

Julie Mangan, wife of Paul Mangan, an electrician from Middlesex, said she did not believe Harkat-ul-Ansar, the parent organisation of Al Faran, when it said it had nothing to do with the seizure of the hostages. "If the men are dead, God forbid, we want to know," she said.

Catherine Moseley, Mr Wells' girlfriend, and a cousin of Mrs Mangan who is heading the campaign in Britain to free the hostages, are also in the party. They plan to visit to Pakistan and will travel to the Pakistani side of Kashmir to extend their appeal.

They will also visit Jammu, the mainly Hindu winter capital of Kashmir. Their campaign is financed through fund-raising in Britain and by family contributions.

Julie Mangan: wants news of her husband

Envoys 'linked to ivory trade'

Johannesburg: A British-based animal welfare group has suggested that Taiwanese and other Far East diplomats are behind a spate of poaching of rhino horn and ivory (Inigo Gilmore writes).

The International Fund for Animal Welfare has also given a warning of a poaching epidemic should four southern African countries push ahead with plans to legalise the trade in June.

It said that the discovery in a car in Johannesburg of five rhino horns valued at £4,050 was the third poaching case in a month.

Iran long-range missile threat

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER
IN JERUSALEM

IN A far-reaching strategic development with implications beyond the Middle East, Iran, with the help of Russian experts, two weeks ago tested components of a long-range missile capable of hitting Israel, the Israeli Air Force's commander has said.

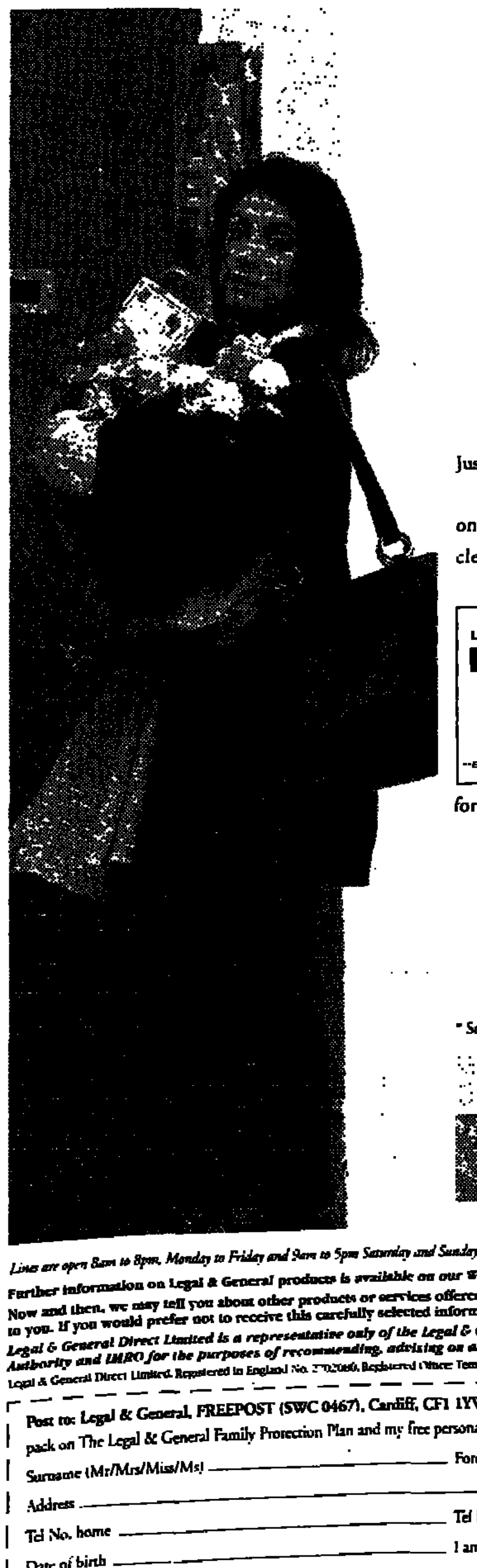
According to Israel, the missile will have a range of 950 miles, more than twice that of any now in Tehran's arsenal. Earlier, Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, gave a warning that Iran was trying to develop ballistic missiles to strike not only at Israel but at Western nations.

Last night senior diplomatic sources said that the rapid advance in Iran's missile capability, combined with its efforts — again with Russian help — to acquire a nuclear capability, had increased the chances that Israel may launch a pre-emptive strike similar to that mounted against Iraq's Osirak nuclear reactor in June 1981.

According to Israeli publications, Iranian missile plants exist in Shiraz, Kuramabad, Farhin and Semnan. Israel's ability to mount a successful strike has been boosted by a $2 billion (£1.2 billion) deal for 25 McDonnell Douglas F151 long-range strike aircraft due, says *Jane's Defence Weekly*, to be delivered from this year onwards.

Major-General Eitan Ben Eliahu gave details of the missile test in a broadcast on Israel army radio that has spread anxiety among many ordinary Israelis.

Israeli experts estimate that Iran is four to nine years away from becoming a nuclear power, but it could "cut corners" and purchase weapons to get a nuclear strike capability even sooner.



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Last herd of bison dwindles to 1,200

FROM GILES WHITTELL
IN LOS ANGELES

AT LEAST two thirds of America's last wild bison herd has been wiped out in five months by legal slaughter and a harsh winter, Yellowstone National Park officials say.

More than 600 have been shot since November as they stray north of the park in search of food. Montana marksmen want to keep the state free of brucellosis, a disease some say the bison spread to cattle, causing spontaneous abortions.

Another 464 have been slaughtered reluctantly by park staff, and at least 1,000 are thought to have died of cold and starvation. "Before the winter we had about 3,500 bison in the park," a Yellowstone spokeswoman said. "On our last flight over the park, we estimated perhaps 1,200 were left."

Hard-pressed ranching towns have struck gold by renting snowmobiles to visitors who zoom into the park for snowy views of Old Faithful — the geyser — and bison in full winter coats. Wildlife experts believe the hungry animals are leaving along the snowmobile routes, only to fall foul of sharpshooters.

Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior, has said that the killing "could threaten the future of this national symbol". But such comments are "rhetorical posturing", according to Montana's Governor, Marc Racicot, a cattle rancher.

About 30 million bison once roamed from the Mississippi to the Rockies. Hunted by settlers, they numbered 500 at the turn of the century.

Demand for Reno sacking after fund inquiry is rejected

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

JANET RENO, the US Attorney-General, came under Republican pressure to resign last night as she planned to reject calls for an independent inquiry into irregular fundraising for President Clinton's re-election.

Never far from controversy, Ms Reno was expected to send letters to the Republican chairmen of judiciary committees in both the House and Senate spurning their calls for the appointment of an independent prosecutor to investigate contribution's to the Democratic Party last year.

The long-awaited decision seemed certain to create a storm of opposition against Ms Reno, who has already rejected three previous requests to seek an outside investigator.

In advance of her announcement last night Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, said Republicans should launch an investigation into Ms Reno's own role in the fundraising controversy. She had failed to notify national security chiefs of FBI evidence that China was attempting to funnel money to the Democrats to influence the result of the election.

"She needs to answer in public. She needs to answer, I think, under oath," Mr Gingrich said. "How could she possibly not have told the President and the Secretary of State and the National Security Adviser once the FBI had briefed her ... how can any serious citizen have any sense of faith in her judgment?"

Dick Armey, the Speaker's deputy, praised Ms Reno as a woman of integrity but said that she represented a corrupt administration and should resign.

At issue is whether Mr Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore knowingly violated American law in their brazen petitions for election funds. The Lincoln Bedroom of the White House apparently was used like a hotel to entice big donors while others were offered rides on Air Force One, games of golf with Mr Clinton and hundreds of coffee mornings and dinners in the presidential home.

Mr Gore, in violation of the law, has admitted that he made "several" telephone calls from his White House office to solicit funds for the Democratic Party's campaign.

More importantly, however, Republicans want to determine whether American policy and influence was in some way sold to the highest bidders in Asia. Countless donors with close links to China were allowed unchecked access to the White House, often despite warnings from national security aides.

Ms Reno has said repeatedly that evidence of improper fundraising is being investigated by a team of Justice Department lawyers and as many as 30 FBI agents.

Employing the narrowest parameters of the law, she has said that there is no "specific or credible" information to prove that any of the leading characters, including Mr Clinton and Mr Gore, had broken the law.

A Justice Department official told the *Los Angeles Times* yesterday that the Attorney-General was relying on the advice of career prosecutors and, unless she had a last-minute change of mind, she was planning to reject all calls for an independent investigation.

Ms Reno, who suffers from encroaching Parkinson's disease, has been left with a thankless task. She was only grudgingly returned to the second Clinton Cabinet by a President who resented her previous appointment of four special counsels to oversee various scandals, including Whitewater.

She gained firm Republican support at the time but was yesterday said by Capitol Hill staffers to be caught between "a rock and hard place". To make matters worse, Ms Reno will face a reminder on Saturday of the debacle which marked her entry to office in 1993.

It is the fourth anniversary of the end of the Waco siege and the government raid she sanctioned which resulted in the deaths of 80 members of the Branch Davidian cult. That was the last time Republicans had called for her scalp.

Whitewater sentence

Washington: Jim McDougal, the former partner of the Clintons in the failed Whitewater land deal in Arkansas, faced sentencing on fraud charges yesterday (Tom Rhodes writes).

Found guilty on 18 counts of fraud and conspiracy last May, McDougal has since co-operated with Kenneth Starr, the independent Whitewater prosecutor, in an attempt to commute a possible jail sentence of 84 years and fines of $4.5 million (£2.7 million).

McDougal is believed to have corroborated allegations by another banker in Little Rock, Arkansas, that Mr Clinton, then the Governor of the state, forced him to extend an illegal $300,000 loan to McDougal's ex-wife, Susan.

MUCHTAR ZAKARIA / AP

Jakarta's anti-riot police on a training jog near President Suharto's palace yesterday in preparation for the Indonesian general election next month. With the opposition increasingly frustrated

Police braced for election

over limitations on political activity, the Government is nervous in the run-up to the May 29 poll, although campaigning does not officially begin for another two weeks. Riots have broken out in four towns in Central Java province in the past two weeks. Although the situation is now generally peaceful, tension prevails, and political analysts are giving warnings that further violence is possible. *(Reuter)*

Party loyalist scoops the pot in Yangtze race for riches

James Pringle in Chongqing reports on China's attempt to inject new life into an economic backwater

IN THIS raw, vibrant city on the Upper Yangtze, the "Hot Pot man" is held up as an example of the tenet of Deng Xiaoping, the late Chinese leader, that to get rich is glorious.

From a tiny restaurant with three pots, Liao Changguang, a "red" entrepreneur, built a business that has grown into more than 30 restaurants and hotels and expanded into the western United States.

Mr Liao, 45, toes the party line and sees no contradiction in getting rich while following Communist ideals. His recipe for success is vision, opportunity and hard work. A tall man with a crewcut who drives an American limousine, which he keeps parked outside his Cygnet Plaza hotel here, Mr Liao was sent into the countryside during Mao's Cultural Revolution, then worked in government offices until Deng, who died in February, launched his free-market reforms in late 1978.

"By 1989, I realised I was not the type of person who sits in offices," he said. "My wife and I sold our house and I rented a room from my mother-in-law." He then started in private business with just £250. He is coy about how much he is worth now, but others say he has a multi-billion yuan fortune.

Mr Liao has since built a school in the poor village where he worked in Mao's day and gives much-needed jobs to school-leavers from there. Adjacent to the hotel in Chongqing is one of his famed Hot Pot restaurants where, using his wife's secret recipe, Mr Liao provides customers with a big meal plus a fashion and variety show for 60 yuan (£5).

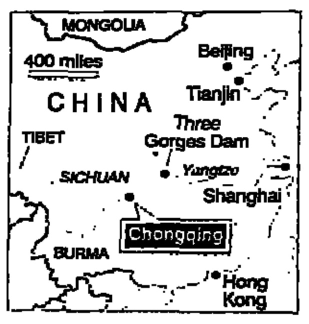
"Anyone can afford to come to one of my restaurants," he said. "I want ordinary Chinese to have a taste of the good life, to eat well, and enjoy looking at a show with beautiful girls."

Mr Liao's brash success story is just what the acting Mayor, Pu Haiging, a former technician in a local steel mill, likes to hear. Mr Pu says that many economists believe Chongqing's future lies not in old money-losing, state-run factories but in the private sector, still less than 31 per cent of the local economy.

The city is claimed by the Chinese to be the most populated in the world. Some 17 million people live in the actual city, but officials say the figure has jumped to 30 million after the incorporation of three, mainly rural, counties. The National People's Congress, the rubber-stamp parliament, last month decided that Chongqing, after breaking away from Sichuan, should be consolidated into a sort of province in its own right, ruled with a guiding hand from Beijing but largely self-governing.

Only three other cities, Beijing, Tianjin and Shanghai, enjoy this privileged status. Officials hope the change will create new opportunities for one of China's most backward regions.

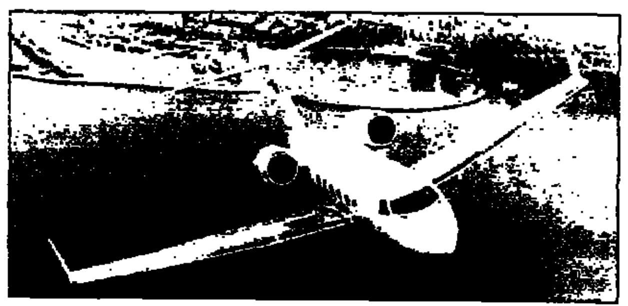
But the city has a price to pay for its new status. The authorities have agreed to settle a million people from the nearby Three Gorges Dam hydroelectric project, due to be completed in 2009, with its 400-mile reservoir extending to the edge of the city. Only 30,000 have been resettled so far in a city already bursting at the seams with up to 200,000 casual workers.



In the volatile city, fights, even with police, seem commonplace. Correspondents visiting Chongqing saw a young man with an axe pursuing a policeman, who was rescued by colleagues who then beat the would-be assailant with truncheons.

The polluted city, in a spectacular position on a mountain outcrop 1,500 miles up the Yangtze, manufactures cars, motorcycles, pharmaceuticals and chemicals. "The idea is that Chongqing will become an economic powerhouse competing with the prosperous coastal cities," one foreign businessman here said. "Until now, foreign interest has been muted, so let's see what happens with new tax breaks that Chongging will be able to offer."

While most people here earn low incomes, there is a growing class of nouveaux riches. In the Hollywood bar at Mr Liao's hotel, with erotic pictures on the wall, smart Chongqing girls sip cocktails with their boyfriends, who discuss deals on their mobile phones. This, Mr Pu hopes, is the future of Chongqing.



The Gulfstream V "ultra-long-distance" corporate jet

Bosses take a long look at high luxury

FROM QUENTIN LETTS
IN NEW YORK

AMERICA'S latest "corporate toy" — an 18-seat jet aircraft which costs $37 million (£23 million) — was unveiled yesterday for the handful of senior executives who will have some hope of flying in it. The Gulfstream V corporate jet, which can fly non-stop from London to Los Angeles, landed in New Jersey after taking off from Tokyo. It is described as the world's first "ultra-long-distance" corporate jet.

In the past, business moguls who wanted to fly to Hollywood after a day's dealmaking in the City of London had to suffer the indignity of taking a commercial jetliner.

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As many as 70 billionaires and multinational companies have already paid non-refundable deposits of $2 million on Gulfstream Vs, and the waiting list for this ultimate corporate transport is now the stuff of Los Angeles drinks parties. "Are you on the waiting list?" is the question that those who are not have come to dread.

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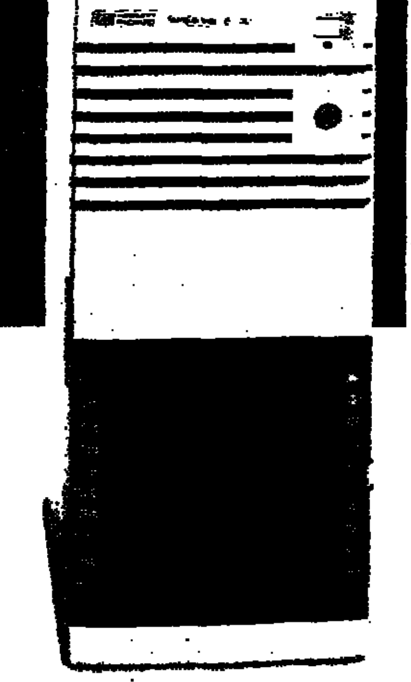

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Women try to end male hold on top jobs in Austria

By Roger Boyes

AUSTRIAN women, angry about being frozen out of top jobs, are rebelling against male domination of the Establishment.

For the past week, their lobbyists have been circulating a petition which, if it gathers at least 100,000 signatures in seven days, will force parliament to discuss their demands, including a minimum wage for women, equal pensions and constitutionally-anchored equal treatment at all levels.

The signatures were due to be counted last night, and members of the movement were predicting a huge result in their favour of between 700,000 and 900,000 petitioners. Opinion polls show that about 75 per cent of Austrian women support the initiative, and even 43 per cent of Austrian men accept the premise of the protests.

The campaign has been given some spice by a public marital row at Cabinet level. The husband of Barbara Prammer, the new Women's Affairs Minister, has been accused of sexually harassing a colleague in the youth section of Linz Chamber of Commerce. The minister demanded a public apology from her husband despite his attempts to play down the incident.

"One should not have to burden a sexually harassed woman with the need to provide detailed evidence," she said. "Rather it has to be demonstrated that she was not harassed — the burden of proof is with the man."

The statement caught the imagination of the women's movement and seems to have swollen the ranks of the petitioners. The protest has been led by Eva Rossmann, the journalist, and supported by leading actresses and writers. They have put forward an 11-point programme. If parliament fails to accept the key demands, the women are threatening to establish a Women's Party which, according to current opinion surveys, could win as much as 12 per cent of the vote.

The demands partly reflect a broader discontent about the many public spending cuts introduced over the past year in an attempt to meet deficit targets defined by the Maastricht treaty for economic and monetary union (EMU). The women protesters want a guaranteed basic pension equal to that of men, as well as equal wages with men. Austrian women on average earn a quarter to a third less than their male colleagues in the same job.

> ❝ One should not burden a sexually harassed woman with the need to provide detailed evidence ❞

Yet when they return from the office or factory, they put in five hours of daily housework compared to a man's contribution of 41 minutes. Women's pensions are half those of men.

The petitioners are demanding a basic right to part-time work, two years of paid maternity leave for single mothers (with a job guaranteed on their return) and a minimum wage for women of about £800 a month. Whole-day care for children of all ages should be guaranteed by the state, argue the petitioners.

The driving force of the movement, however, is the sense that women are frozen out as soon as they are within reach of senior jobs. In universities, for example, the student population is divided almost equally between men and women. But women lecturers account for 21 per cent of university teaching staff, and only 3.4 per cent of professors are female.

It is a similar story throughout the establishment: there are two women in the 14-member constitutional court, four women in a 12-member Cabinet and top women business executives are rare. There are 50 women mayors out of a total of 2,326.

Austrian politicians are aware that 3.1 million women have the vote, significantly outnumbering men voters. That has encouraged politicians to hail the initiative as overdue and entirely welcome.

But there are some dissident voices. "Legally enforced equality will increase, rather than reduce, financial discrimination," says Norbert Geldner of Austria's main economic research institute. "It will be an own goal," he said. Unemployment among women is already rising by some 4 per cent, while unemployment among men fell by 3 per cent in February. Some politicians have been quietly calculating the costs of a minimum wage for women — and have concluded that it would blow a hole in the budget.

Niki Lauda, the former Formula One racing driver, probably spoke for the silent majority of Austrian men when he declared: "I don't see why men have always got to be smacked in the mouth."

DIETHER ENDLICHER / AP

French soldiers, part of the advance group, at provisional headquarters near Durres

Peace force gathers in Albania

From Reuter
in Rome

NEARLY 1,200 soldiers from France, Italy and Spain will land in Albania today at the start of Operation Alba (Sunrise), the Italian-led security mission to the Balkan state.

Italy says the force will number 6,000 troops from eight nations once deployment is complete, with up to 2,500 in place by April 25 and the remainder joining them over the subsequent ten days. The key bridgeheads for the operation are the capital, Tirana, and the ports of Durres and Vlore.

As the operation unfolds, troops will also be deployed in Shkoder, Lezhe, Shengjin, Elbasan, Fier, Gjirokaster and Sarande.

Italy will send 2,500 soldiers, including mechanised infantry units and Marines. They will be based in Tirana, Fier and Vlore. A thousand soldiers sent by France will be based in Durres, while Greece will send a smaller contingent of about 800 soldiers from a mechanised infantry battalion. The Greeks will cover an area south of Tirana as well as the town of Elbasan, and will have a company of troops stationed in Vlore.

Other contributors are Turkey, with 600-800 Marines; Spain, with 450 soldiers; Romania, with 400; Austria, 120; and Denmark, 60.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Alarm delay mystery in Turin Shroud fire

Rome: As about £4.5 million of public money was released by the Italian Cabinet yesterday for the restoration of Turin's fire-damaged 15th-century cathedral, experts said the weekend blaze had caused "irreparable damage" to the chapel in which the Turin Shroud was housed because of an "inexplicable one-hour delay" in summoning the fire service (Richard Owen writes).

The fire has reopened the debate over neglect of art treasures. Raffaele Guarinello, the chief investigating magistrate in Turin, said security had been inadequate both at the cathedral and the adjoining former royal palace, which was also damaged. He said police were investigating arson and an electrical short-circuit as causes of the blaze. As in the fire which destroyed Venice's La Fenice opera house, fire alarms in the cathedral were not switched on.

Yeltsin sacks minister

Moscow: President Yeltsin has sacked Anatoli Zaitsev, his Transport Minister, Interfax news agency reported, quoting informed sources. The sources said Mr Yeltsin issued a decree to get rid of Mr Zaitsev, who had held the post since August 1996. He is to be replaced by Nikolai Aksenenko, his deputy. Mr Zaitsev, 57, is on the board of a company that plans to build a much criticised high-speed rail link between Moscow and St Petersburg. Mr Yeltsin also accepted the resignation, tendered ten days ago, of Vitali Artyukhov, head of Russia's top tax authority, the Interfax sources said. *(AFP)*

Child killer to hang

Tokyo: A Japanese court has sentenced a serial killer to death by hanging for the kidnapping and murder of four girls, aged between four and seven, in 1988 and 1989. Tsutomo Miyazaki posted the remains of one of the girls to her family, ate dismembered body parts, drank the blood of one of his victims and took videos of the body parts. Passing sentence, Judge Kenjiro Tao said: "The defendant's motive was sexual desire and can only be described as shameless." *(Reuter)*

Boesak faces 32 charges

Cape Town: South African prosecutors listed 32 charges of theft and fraud amounting to more than 8 million rand (£1.08 million) against Allan Boesak, right, the anti-apartheid cleric, and Freddy Steenkamp, his former bookkeeper. The case, to be heard in August, concerns the disappearance of funds given to the Foundation for Peace and Justice by Coca-Cola, Paul Simon, the American rock musician, and Scandinavian charities. *(AFP)*

Wrong way to be right

Rome: A telephone caller, supposedly chosen at random, gave the right answer to a television show's planned $60,000 question — but suspicious organisers had changed the cash-winning query at the last minute. When challenged by Mara Venier, host of the live *Domenica In*, the caller hung up but the row, the latest in corruption-rocked Italy, rages on. *(AP)*

SS officer pleads illness at retrial

Priebke: outcry at release last year

By Richard Owen

ERICH PRIEBKE, the 83-year-old former SS captain accused of "multiple murder" over the wartime massacre of Italian hostages, went on trial yesterday for the second time in a year.

He told the military tribunal at Rebibbia prison on the outskirts of Rome that he might not be able to attend future hearings because he was "unwell". "I am here today out of respect for the tribunal," Herr Priebke said.

Despite his age, Herr Priebke appeared fit and alert during last year's trial, which ended in uproar last August, and in subsequent interviews.

In the first trial he was found guilty of taking part in the murder of 335 men and boys in the Ardeatine Caves on the Appian Way outside Rome in 1944, in the final days of the city's Nazi occupation.

But he was acquitted under a 30-year statute of limitations, which can only be overridden if "premeditated cruelty" is proved. The defence protested that the presiding judge had shown overt sympathy for Herr Priebke and had been heard to say during the trial that he was too old to be punished for a crime committed over half a century ago. In the ensuing public outcry the Minister of Justice ordered Herr Priebke to be rearrested and retried.

The court yesterday decided that Karl Hass, a former SS major also accused of involvement in the massacre, should be tried alongside Herr Priebke. Herr Hass, 84, appeared as a witness in the first trial, although at one point he tried to escape by jumping from his hotel room, breaking his hip bone. Both men claim they were carrying out orders, and would have been shot themselves if they had not complied.

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Belgian police under fire

By Our Foreign Staff

BELGIAN police are expected to be criticised for a bungled investigation when a Parliamentary report into the country's worst child sex and murder scandal is passed to MPs today.

Since the discovery in August of bodies at houses owned by Marc Dutroux, a convicted child rapist, in Charleroi, the police have been accused of everything from lack of initiative to incompetence.

Yesterday copies of *La Dernière Heure*, a tabloid, were being snapped up at news stands as they contained leaked extracts from the Dutroux Commission's findings.

Among those singled out in the report are Melchior Wathelet, a former Justice Minister, who in 1992, against expert advice, authorised the early release of Marc Dutroux from a 13-year prison sentence, and Benoit Dejemeppe, chief prosecutor in Brussels.

An overhaul of the judicial and police system is recommended in the report.

Striking doctors in Paris clash

From Adam Sage
in Paris

FRENCH junior doctors were involved in violent clashes with the police in Paris yesterday as they demonstrated against the Government's welfare reforms. Several people were injured as almost 300 doctors fought riot police outside the French National Assembly. Hardliners then provoked a second skirmish as they tried to march on President Chirac's Elysée Palace.

The clashes came as the increasingly bitter strike by junior hospital doctors entered its sixth week. Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, has refused to renegotiate a social security package that is designed to cut the French welfare deficit in the run-up to the single currency in 1999.

There are strikes at most of France's 26 teaching hospitals, and some general practitioners also took industrial action. Junior doctors asked colleagus to treat only emergency cases. However, doctors at two hospitals voted to return to work yesterday, and more are expected to follow suit this week.

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The babies who speak in signs

A new study finds the use of gestures by babies integral to development. **Anjana Ahuja** reports

To most parents, the world inside their baby's head is a mystery. Until the age of about 2½, when language starts to develop, early communication is confined to a cacophony of babbling, giggles, gurgles, crying and screaming.

However, both parents and child experts know that the workings of babies' brains are too sophisticated to be expressed through such a limited repertoire. Now two American psychologists have suggested that this communication abyss can be overcome by using sign language.

Moreover, *in their new book Baby Signs*, Linda Acredolo, professor of psychology at the University of California at Davis, and Susan Goodwyn, an associate professor of psychology at California State University, claim that the *sign language* "*speeds up* the process of learning to talk, stimulates intellectual development, enhances self-esteem and strengthens the bond between parent and infant".

The pair, both mothers, are not *the only ones* to believe, with an evangelical fervour, in baby signs — the pair receive a steady stream of letters from grateful parents; several children's nurseries in America have incorporated the sign language into their curriculums; and there are baby sign chat rooms on the Internet, where parents can exchange tips and seek advice. Now Dr Acredolo and Dr Goodwyn, who see themselves as the Dr Doolittles of the baby world, are hoping to persuade British *parents* that they, too, can turn their gurgling tots into brilliant babies.

The most appealing aspect about baby signs is its simplicity. Babies learn to wave goodbye when someone is leaving, and to shake their head for no, before they can say the relevant words. So, why not add other gestures? As the authors excitedly point out, they have never come across a baby who could not do it.

Dr Acredolo stumbled across the "phenomenon of baby signs" by accident, when her daughter, Kate, began to make gestures. "It started when she was 12 months old," Dr Acredolo says. "Each time she saw a flower, she looked at me and sniffed. She was copying me. She then started doing it whenever she saw a flower, whether in real life or in a book. As a developmental psychologist, it was a real mark of cognitive ability."

IMAGES

There is a drive inside babies to communicate. When they start a dialogue using signs, they have so much fun that they look for more ways of doing it. Interaction and learning become enjoyable

Kate didn't stop there. Whenever she saw a fish, she made a blowing sign, as if extinguishing an imaginary candle. Whenever she spotted a spider, she rubbed her hands together. Kate's parents quickly deduced their origin — the fish gesture arose from a mobile hanging above Kate's cot, featuring fishes. Her mother would blow on the mobile every night. Kate began to associate fish with blowing. And Kate had learnt the rubbing action from *a line in the song Incy Wincy Spider*: it represented the spider going "up the waterspout".

She was soon wiggling her finger for "caterpillar" and opening her mouth wide for "hippopotamus". Very quickly, Kate had acquired a vocabulary of 28 baby signs, and 48 spoken words, which she used spontaneously. As the words began to flow, the signs began to vanish.

In 1989, Dr Acredolo and her then graduate student, Dr Goodwyn, scanned the literature *for* research into the sign language used by babies. They came away stunned — no such work had been done. They swiftly applied to the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, which issues government grants for such *research; it stumped up $500,000 to* investigate whether the use of signs affected a child's development.

Forty children, all 11 months old, were encouraged to use gestures. Two other groups, each numbering 40 infants, remained "non-signers". The children were tested every six months up until the age of four, by which time all had developed speech. In particular, the researchers were anxious to see whether the use of gestures would hinder vocal development. Instead, the results were astonishing.

"The signers consistently outperformed the non-signers," Dr Acredolo says. "They were top of the heap at vocabulary, cognitive and IQ tests." Non-signers had an average infant IQ of 108; signers *scored an average of 118.*

The parents of signers said they thought that their babies were less frustrated, more self-confident and happier. Signers also started talking earlier than non-signers.

With *overwhelming* evidence of the benefits of sign language, the researchers set about promoting it. They say they were "shocked" at the tremendous enthusiasm of the response, from *parents and careworkers.*

The authors have several theories as to why signers perform so well in cognitive tests. Dr Acredolo says: "Talking is very basic to the human species, and there is a push or drive from inside these babies to *communicate. When they start* a dialogue using signs, they have so much fun that they look for more ways of doing it. Their motivation to communicate is very high."

She also points out that babies make signs and gestures when they *are interested in things, and that* infants soak up information when they are absorbed by something. Interaction and learning become enjoyable. "When the child starts to gesture, parents start a dialogue, such as, 'Yes, look at the flower, *what a pretty flower*'. *The baby is* flooded with a rich source of words." This highlights another point — parents who use signs tend to talk to their infants more than parents who don't.

There are no hard and fast rules about when infants can start using signs, and what those signs should be. A good guide, Dr Acredolo says, is when they start to point at objects and learn how to wave goodbye, which happens at about 12 months. She is wary of pushing things: "*Baby signs should be incorporated* into the daily routine, not forced down as lessons or flashcards. Parents should use as much or as little as they feel comfortable with. It's meant to be *fun*." The number of *signs* that *individual* babies *learn varies between 20 and 80, and* depends on how fast they learn to speak. To get started, there is a chapter featuring about 50 signs.

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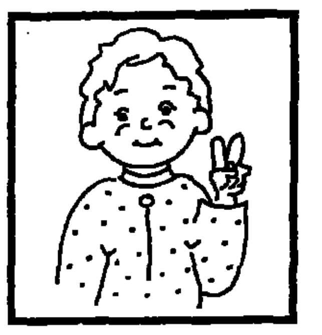
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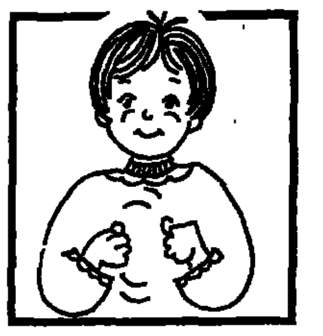
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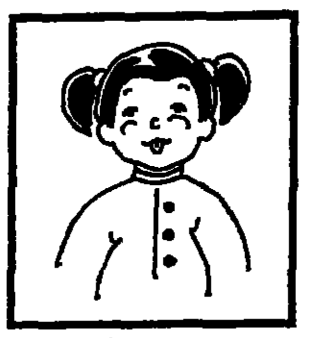
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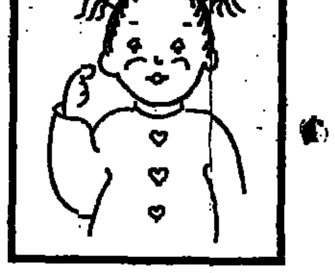
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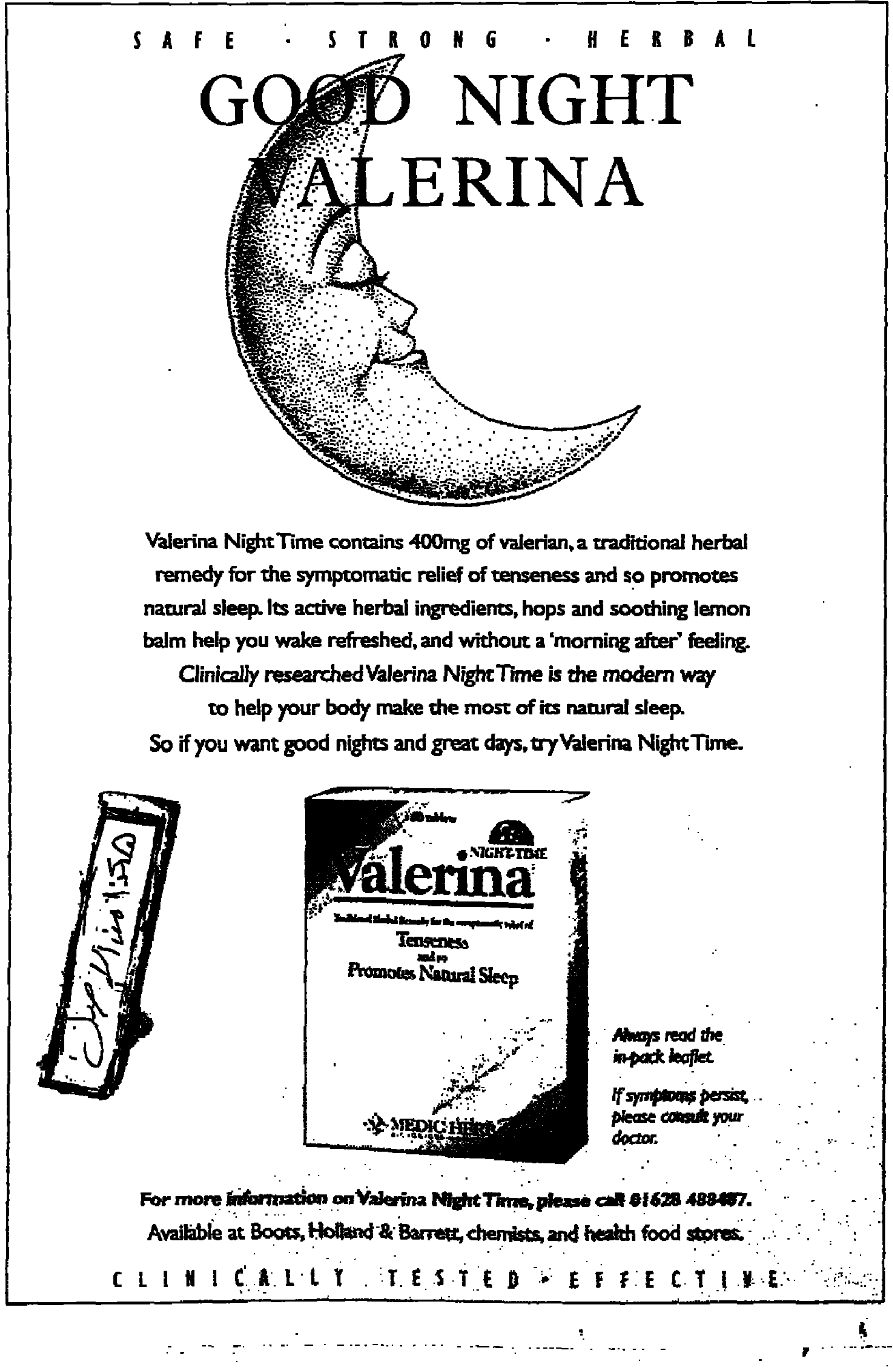
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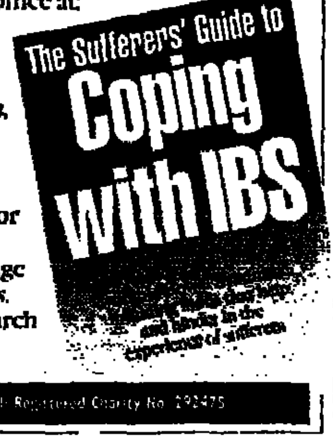

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'If I had two lives, one of them would be spent in a convent'

Sampling the life of a nun put Fiona Shaw in touch with her spirituality, says **Jason Cowley**

ROBIN MAYES

Fiona Shaw: "I lived the life of a perfect bohemian"

As a young girl in Cork in the 1960s, actress Fiona Shaw was forbidden only one thing by her mother: to become a nun. The Ireland of her childhood was effectively a theocracy: the Roman Catholic Church exerted a mesmeric hold over the country. Shaw grew up with a solemn awareness that without a "sense of sin and guilt" there is no genuine religion.

She left Cork at the age of 21 to train at RADA, and all through her years of success at the RSC and the National Theatre she lived a resolutely secular life — the life, she says, of a "perfect bohemian". If she was not being acclaimed as the next Maggie Smith or Vanessa Redgrave, she was moving with the smart set in Los Angeles, where she is rightly admired as a comedienne and quirky character actress. After she played a harassed English schoolmistress who was farcically infatuated with Tom Selleck in *Three Men and a Little Lady*, the big offers rolled in from Hollywood, including one for her own weekly sitcom.

Yet something was missing from her life, something she now describes as an absence of spiritual ritual. In interviews she sometimes spoke of her fascination with nuns and of how her talk, full of theological speculation, constantly bumped into Catholicism. "If we had parallel lives, there would be a bit of me that would be a nun," she once said. "I admire contemplative lives. It's a constructive way of opting out."

In January this year Shaw, 38, finally opted out constructively when she spent two weeks with the Tyburns, an order of Benedictine nuns, at their convent on the Bayswater Road in London. The only rules laid down by the Mother General were that she had to wear something modest (she chose a long, brown woollen dress) and submit herself entirely to the discipline of the convent.

The nuns were of mixed nationality — English, Scottish, Australian, New Zealanders and Peruvian. The oldest was 96; the youngest in her 20s. Founded at the end of the last century, the Tyburn nuns — "adorers of the Sacred Heart" — are an enclosed, contemplative order whose lives are devoted to the perpetual adoration of Christ.

Waking at 5am each day, they are fiercely ascetic. It is, says Shaw in her spoken diary of her stay in the convent, as if the nuns are pursuing a kind of poetic suicide.

"In a real sense," she says, "the nuns are dead already. Or rather, they are in a heightened sense of preparing to die. Most of them have deliberately lost touch with their families. They have let them go. They are simply clearing a pathway to God. The idea is that if there is a God and you empty your mind of the clutter of existence, then you might just catch Him." What initially struck Shaw about the nuns was the monotony and repetitiveness of their routine. Each day is the same. There is no respite from the fervour of their adulation.

Their routine is structured around an austere ritual of prayer, song and worship. They rarely interact with each other or with the outside world. Recreation is limited to one hour of occasional indoor games — pool, Scrabble, snakes and ladders (Trivial Pursuit is deemed "too worldly") — and walks in the garden. There is a small library of general books but the Bible remains everyone's preferred reading. They have no television, CDs or records; the radio is permitted only when there is a major incident. "Like when there is a bomb?" Shaw asked the nuns. "Oh, no," replied the Mother General. "Like when the Pope dies."

The last time the nuns listened to the radio was in July 1981 — the day of the royal wedding.

Meals are regular but basic — there are no luxuries. "Chicken and pasta is about as good as it gets," says Shaw. Each night dinner is interrupted by a bell, which prompts a moment of intense, silent contemplation. Indeed, the convent resounds to the sound of silence: the nuns are quiet for 22 hours a day.

On the third evening of her stay in the convent, Shaw "hit bad weather". Watching the nuns at dinner she was struck by their apparent gloominess. "It isn't natural," she whispered into her tape recorder after retiring to her room. "I look at the nuns and I don't see any great vision on their faces. They are bored, too. They are bored and they have a lifetime of this to face."

Shaw's diary raises provocative questions. The nuns, some of whom lived conventionally before joining the convent, are adamant that they are the brides of Christ. "But to be in love with Christ is to be open to Him physically," she says. "One of the main experiences of falling in love is to have a heightened sexual awareness of the other. My experience of the convent was the absolute absence of the language of sex and sexuality."

Later, she asks: "What happens to the sexual energy of the nuns, especially as they never exercise? Why do you never see any flesh or hair? I don't know what happens if you have a sexual problem here; if you become obsessed with a workman or something."

She speculates, too, on what drove them to enter holy orders, wondering if they are in some way damaged or depressed.

There are also some jewels of self-revelation, as Shaw fantasises about the nuns engaging in secret orgies with monks, confesses her inability to concentrate during prayer, regrets that she cannot leave with the workman who wanders around the convent carrying an enormous plank of wood behind which he hides, and dreams of diving into a pool of red wine.

But midway through her stay Shaw's perception of the nuns began to turn. As they prayed, their faces "radiant with the joy of their love of God", she felt that they were free in a way that she was not. "I swung from loathing their lifestyle to admiring it beyond measure. I am completely taken with their way of life. That power to yield yourself to something while at the same time retaining complete control of yourself is magical."

> 'This joy of having nothing means that you have everything'

After leaving the convent at the beginning of February, Shaw, who lives alone in a small flat in Primrose Hill, London, found that the experience stayed with her in unexpected ways. After an initial celebration, she began waking at 5.30am — describing it as if she could feel the prayers of the nuns on her. As well as giving up alcohol and being "dejected by the excesses" of consumer society, she is even questioning her profession.

"I now feel very ambivalent about what I do. I'm bemused at how much acting I've done. I've been doing it non-stop since I was 24. You become a sort of acting machine: it makes you wonder if you are wasting some of your best energy.

"I did *The Taming of the Shrew* for nearly two years and I can remember only four or five nights of that. I don't want to sound Pollyanna-ish about this, but we have become such a cynical, prurient generation, so wrapped up in ourselves, that we have lost sight of what is important and true."

She is moved by the great biblical paradoxes: that we are at our richest when we have nothing; that it is only in darkness that we finally learn to see. "A couple of years ago these nuns were burgled but the burglars took nothing — because they had nothing to take," she says. "This joy of having nothing means, of course, that you have everything." On the morning of her departure, Shaw told the Mother General that if she had two lives, one would be spent *inside* the convent. The old nun smiled benignly, reached out to touch the young actress and said: "Yes, Fiona, but you have only the one life." Shaw says: "I knew at that moment that it was right for me to rejoin the world but that I would do so a changed person."

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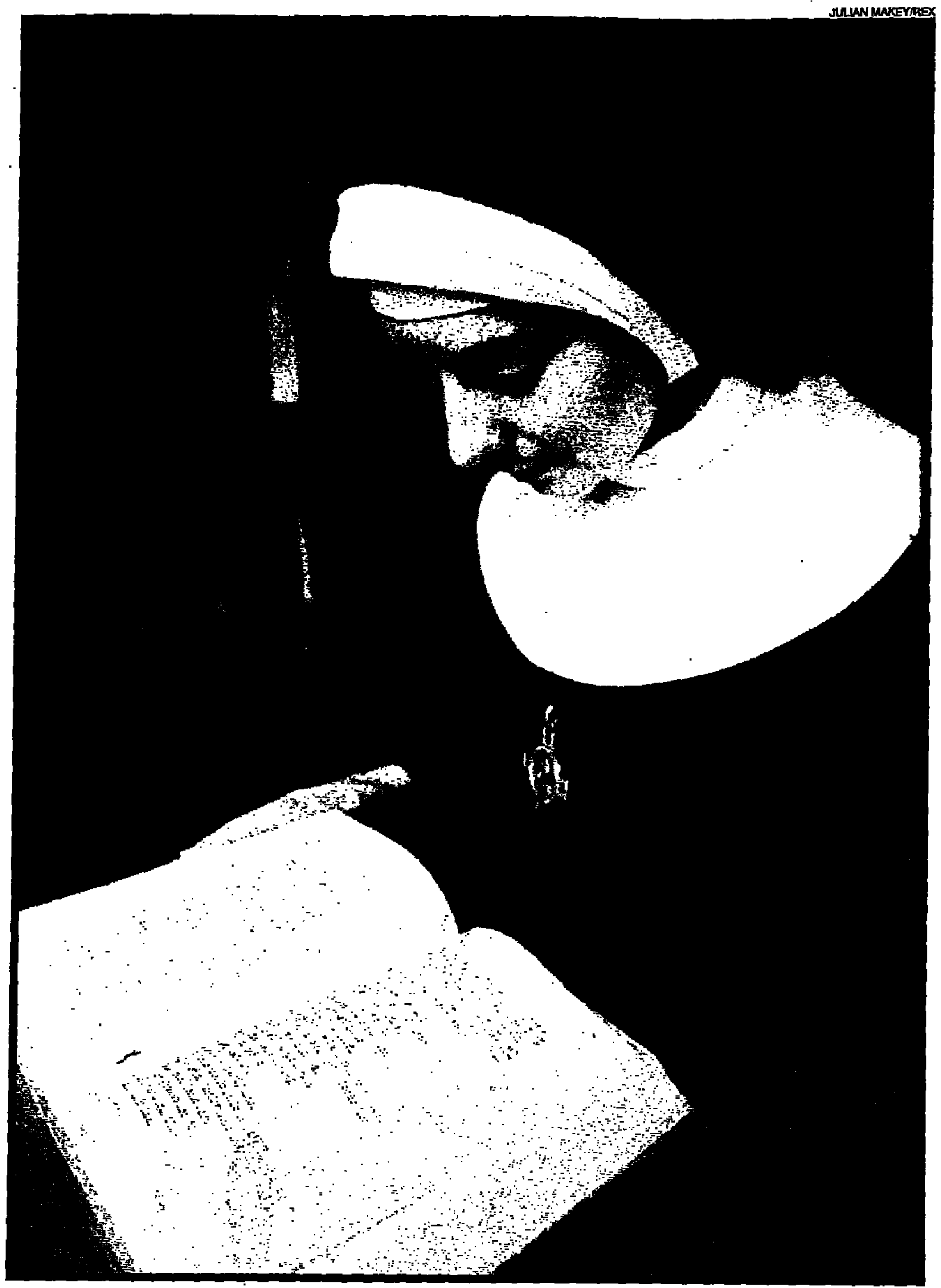

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Labour will raise leaving age to 18

Richard Layard on Brown's plans to end unemployment

Amid all the rhetoric, many people have still not noticed the biggest *single difference between Labour* and the Conservatives. This is in the approach to jobs and skills. Labour's plans here are truly revolutionary. They would prevent most long-term unemployment, and they *would ensure* a basic skill for almost every youngster.

For the unemployed, the principle is very simple — that *after a period of unemployment*, everyone should be offered work. It is madness to spend millions on benefits for people doing nothing, when there is so much work that needs doing. Instead Labour *plans* to spend the money on helping people back to work.

Gordon Brown's key idea is that, after a period, *everyone should be helped. Thus for* people under 25 there would be job offers to everyone still unemployed after six months. The option of continued life on benefit would thus disappear. Only a universal approach *like this can break the dreary* pattern of life on the dole that has become endemic on so many of our estates.

After they had been unemployed for six months, people under 25 would be offered four options. The first would be a job with a regular employer, who would receive £60 a week for six months as an inducement to give the youngster a chance. Options two and three would be to work for six *months with a* voluntary organisation or on an environmental project while receiving benefit plus a fixed sum. The fourth option, for those without basic qualifications, would be full-time vocational education while receiving benefit.

All those jobless after six months will get an offer

To make all this happen, there would be an obligation on jobcentres to deliver this guarantee to young people. The jobcentres in turn would have adequate resources to buy the opportunities needed.

Tony Blair has included this plan as one of Labour's five early pledges, with the aim of reducing youth unemployment by a quarter of a million. Also, to help older people who have been unemployed for more than two years, there would be a tax rebate of £75 for *six months to any employer* who gave them work.

But will this radical approach work, and is the money there to pay for it? There is a common view that policies of this kind cannot create jobs, but only recycle them. But this view misses the whole point about exclusion. The long-term unemployed have already become very unattractive to employers, which is why we now have record vacancies and, at the same time, 7 per cent unemployment (on international definitions). Labour's policies are designed to bring back into the labour market people who would have been excluded by employers or by their own demoralised state. This would increase the total supply of labour of interest to employers, so that more jobs could be provided without inflation being pushed up.

Of course the policy costs money, but it also saves money. Once it had been going for some time, it would pay for itself through savings on benefits and through higher tax and National Insurance receipts. But in the start-up phase, costs would exceed savings. That is why Labour would introduce the windfall tax on excess profits of the privatised utilities. According to my calculations, £3 billion *would completely finance the* start-up phase over the course of a Parliament.

The second scandal of our society is low skill. Roughly 40 per cent of our young people have no basic "Level 2" skill — including basic literacy and numeracy. This is twice as many as in France or Germany. These youngsters *are destined for either low pay* or unemployment, and productivity suffers. Again the approach has to be radical and universal. It is no good having, as the present Government has, a target of reducing the 40 per cent to 25 per cent. We need a change of framework, with *every* young person expected to reach a basic skill.

Labour's plan is that by the year 2000, every young person under 18 who has not reached Level 2 should be working towards it, either full-time or part-time. So if they are in work they should be given day release or its equivalent for off-the-job study — and if they are not in work, they should be *studying full-time to* gain a qualification that makes them attractive to an employer. There has to be an organisation responsible for making sure that this happens, so the Careers Service would interview every young person at least once a year from the ages of 14 to 18, to help them to make the most of their potential. Thus for most youngsters the education-leaving age (full or part-time) would rise to 18-plus.

Past policies in this area have been a tragic failure. They have largely relied on employers to provide the training, without realising that employers cannot and will not train people who do not have a basic platform of competence on which to build. It is the responsibility of society to *provide this platform for* everyone.

Faced with the challenge of jobs and skills, Labour has come up with a truly revolutionary programme. As the Churches' report rightly argues, the need is urgent. It is a moral issue, and a matter of prudence, to avoid an underclass. Britain already has one *and America has a worse one.* We cannot solve this problem by copying the Americans, as the present Government advocates. Instead we need a universal approach.

Labour's way is the hand up, not the handout — enabling everyone to earn a decent livelihood. That is the route to self-respect and a healthy society.

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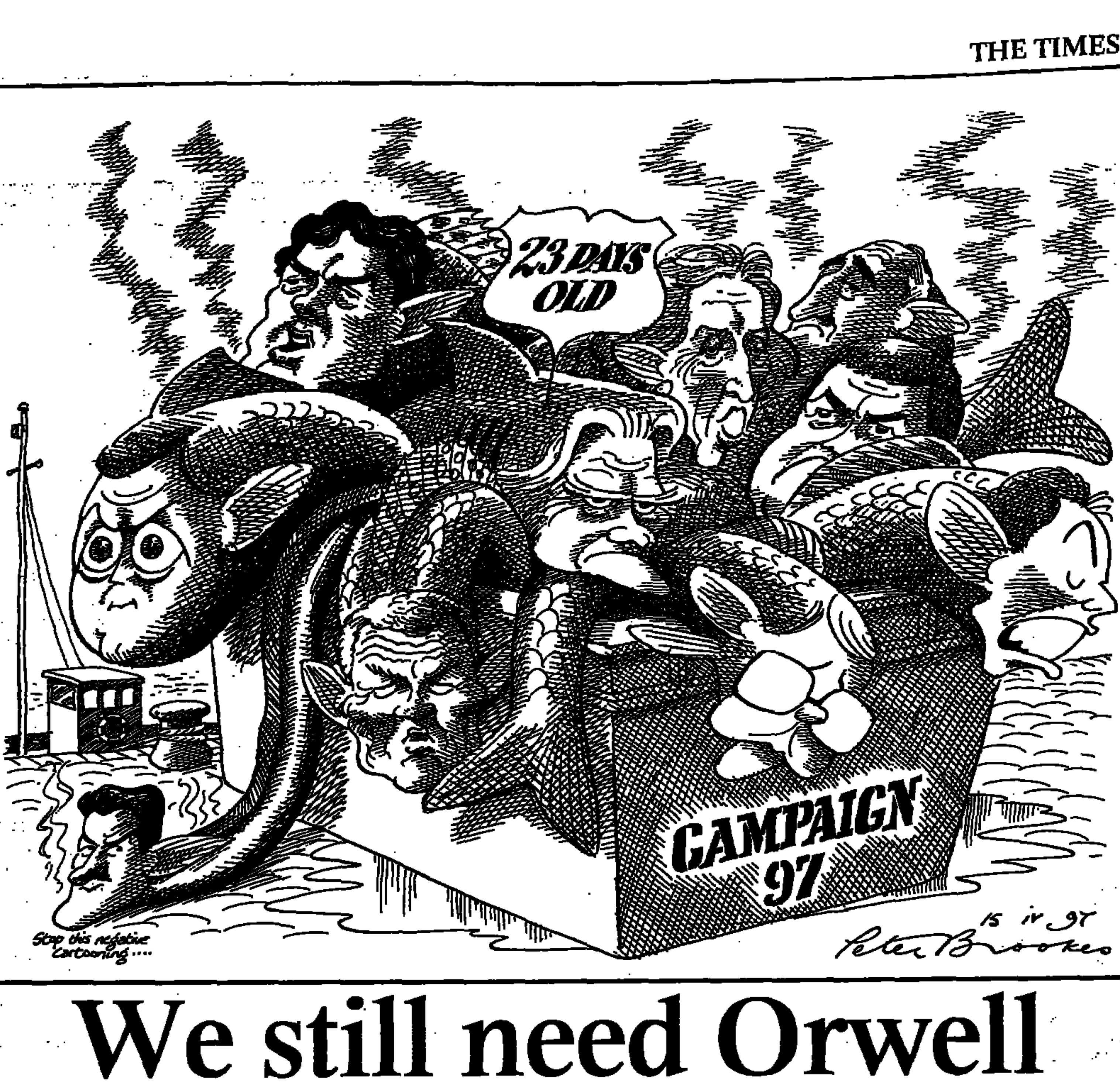


We still need Orwell

So *Keep the Aspidistra Flying* is to be politically sanitised by Hollywood

Libby Purves

You get an odd sensation when an uncongenial person quotes your favourite books. Stella Gibbons defined it best: it is, she said, "like seeing a drunken stranger wrapped in one's dressing-gown". So forgive any barks or *whimpers of pain. I* have just found the drunken stranger that *is* Hollywood reeling about, dribbling on one of my favourite dressing-gowns. They are making a film of George Orwell's lesser-known novel *Keep the Aspidistra Flying*.

It is an early work, coming just after the Burma police interlude and *Down and Out in Paris and London*. There was more than a decade to run before the heights of *Animal Farm* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four* when Eric Blair published the story of Gordon Comstock, a bright young man who is so disgusted by the budding consumer society that he tries to reject "the culture of money and success by working in a seedy bookshop and writing furiously depressing poetry. He eventually grows up, foiled in his economic nihilism by his girlfriend's pregnancy and the need to make a home for her. Capitulation gives him a strange new feeling: *relief*. In a gesture of comic bitterness, he buys for their home the symbol of respectability he most hates, an aspidistra.

The book met lukewarm reviews and low sales. Penguin, all honour to them, brought it into paperback in *the 1960s and keep it as a* "modern classic"; but that is a mere curtsey to Orwell's later greatness. *Keep the Aspidistra Flying* is not really a classic. *It* is an endearingly bad-tempered young man's book about the tension between private life and idealism. It throws off endless sparks of cross, youthful wit: Gordon rejects socialism as "four hours a day in a model factory, tightening up bolt *number* 6003. Rations served out in greaseproof paper at the communal kitchen," but equally despises middle Britain 1936:

"Advertising — the rattle of a stick in a swill-bucket ... silliness, greed and vulgarity ... look behind that slick self-satisfaction, that tittering, fat-bellied triviality, there is nothing but a frightful emptiness, a secret despair. The great death-wish of the modern world. *Suicide pacts. Heads* stuck in gas ovens in lonely maisonettes. French letters and Amen pills and the reverberations of future wars." Such grumpily intelligent doominess is the perfect antidote to the colour-supplement culture, even *today. I read it at least once a year, for* pure pleasure.

Yet now it is going to Hollywood. The director, Robert Bierman, hopes it will begin a long partnership between Richard E. Grant and Helena Bonham Carter as — gulp — "*Britain's equivalent to Spencer Tracy* and Katharine Hepburn": He also informs the arts correspondent of *The Sunday Telegraph* that, driven by the leading lady, the script has been changed to make Rosemary, the girlfriend, "a pro-active woman with more strength". He and the producer consider the heroine too wet and "nursy" and want her to be "feisty" and combative. "Helena's version won't take much crap. She comes back and fights her own corner rather *than say nothing as* she does in the book." Instead of being a lowly art director in an advertising company (actually rather good going for a woman in 1936, boys, but never mind), the Bonham Carter version *shoots up the company and ends up* running a division. She also takes the sexual initiative and cracks witty romantic-comedy jokes.

Anybody who has read the book will see what I mean about having a drunk drooling over your dressing-gown. Orwell was not interested in "feisty" women running companies and pouncing on men; but nonetheless his Rosemary is not, as Mr Bierman claims, a "yes darling" type. Orwell describes her with great affection: a neat, debonair little figure, amusedly tolerant of her man's absurd political posturing: the daughter of a big, impoverished middle-class family who earns her own living in a tough world where you could still be sacked on a whim and starve in the street. She argues the gender war with Gordon all right: "Men are brutes and women are soulless, and women have always been kept in subjection and they jolly well ought to be kept in subjection, and look at Patient Griselda and look at Lady Astor, and what about polygamy and Hindu widows, and *what about Mother Pankhurst's piping days when every decent woman* wore mousetraps on her garters ... Gordon and Rosemary never grew tired of this kind of thing. Each laughed with delight at the other's absurdities." They are in love, and Orwell's definition of that love is unmatchable: "Each was to the other a standing joke and an object infinitely precious."

To exchange such delicacy for the crass cliché of a "feisty" woman roaring to the top in business is plain depressing. To make Rosemary sexually predatory is such a denial of period that it makes you *gasp*. Orwell's Rosemary bravely insists on contraception, which is why he pushes her away and humiliates her: she is *frankly terrified of* single pregnancy with no money, and you do not need to be a social historian to work out that in 1936 she was bang right to be terrified. She eventually gives herself to Gordon because he has sunk even *farther into poverty and depression:* this is not the weakness Mr Bierman insultingly suggests, but signalled by the author as an act of magnanimity. Moreover, once she is pregnant, it is not doormatism but chivalry — his word again — which stops her blackmailing him into marriage. Gordon chooses: but only because this remarkably fair-minded woman allows him to, out of love. If Helena Bonham Carter and Hollywood cannot see that, more fools they.

But never mind the slur on Rosemary. The real pleasure of the novel lies in the way it takes you to a *vanished prewar, pre-television Britain* we now sentimentalise for its family values, thrift, stability and literacy: but shows it through the eyes *of a furious, disaffected rebel. Relish* Gordon's disgust at the contents of the bookshop:

"Father Hilaire Chestnut's latest book of RC propaganda. Religion always sells provided it is soppy enough. *Priestley's latest. Cheer-up* "humour" from Herbert and Knox and Milne. Eliot, Pound, Auden, Day Lewis, Spender. Very damp squibs, that lot. Shall we ever again get a writer worth reading? But Lawrence was all right, and Joyce even better before he went off his coconut ..."

Even more exhilarating today are his diatribes against the Pooters, the "docile little porkers in the money-sty" to whom money is virtue and poverty is crime. "Good and evil have no meaning any longer except failure and success. Hence the profoundly significant phrase, to *make good*. The decalogue has been reduced to two commandments. One for the employers — "Thou shalt make money", the other for the employed, the slaves and underlings — "Thou shalt not lose thy job".

In a dully materialist election campaign where both parties agree that "it's the economy, stupid" and *indignantly refute any accusations of* idealism, this is refreshing stuff. Perversely, it is almost equally cheering that Gordon Comstock, half-starved amid the bedbugs, has to give up in the end and accept that life involves money. He goes back to *work writing advertising slogans for* foot deodorants to support his unborn child and the future. If I thought that Hollywood would try to convey some of these indignations and ironies, I would be less depressed about Ms Feisty being foisted on the story. *Even better if the film does* what *Four Weddings* did for Auden, and popularises Gordon's failed poem. Then 1998 could raise its dull, puzzled snout briefly from the consumer trough to hear him rage at "the lord of all, the money-god, who rules us blood and hand and brain":

> Who chills our anger, curbs our hope
> And buys our lives and pays with toys,
> Who claims as tribute broken faith
> Accepted insults, muted joys;
> Who binds with chains the poet's wit
> The navvy's strength, the soldier's pride
> *And lays the sleek, estranging shield*
> Between the lover and his bride.

They just don't make dissent like that *any more. New Agers are too wet.* Old Labour too bureaucratic, artists and poets too easily bought and too self-conscious. Today only aid workers and the odd eco-warrior can produce a parallel rage at everything we have become: and their prose is nowhere near as good. We still need Orwell, more than ever. More than we need Hollywood, anyway.

Mr Blair goes to sea in a sieve

Woodrow Wyatt is sceptical of the campaign relaunch

"Trust me" is the confidence trickster's cry through the ages. Repeated too often, it evokes distrust. Last week the left-inclined Anglican Bishop of Oxford, *Richard Harries*, referred to Tony Blair's "unnerving" changes to his campaign. In the Roman Catholic journal *The Tablet*, he remarks: "If Labour can change so much, even its vocabulary, to win power, how do we know it won't change just as much in *a different direction* once it has achieved it? We don't."

Many, including apparently tough businessmen, have fallen for Mr Blair's eager young curate's Christian idealism. Tough businessmen are frequently a soft touch for this *approach*, especially if coupled with a promise not to raise their personal income tax rates.

With his long lead in the opinion polls, *Mr Blair might have been* expected to leave intact Labour's recently published election manifesto. It had been endorsed by 95 per cent of the Labour membership. But Mr Blair is so contemptuous of his rank and file that they have not been *consulted over the sudden policy* changes. The reason? When Mr Blair and his entourage saw opinion polls suggesting that Labour's lead is dropping, he panicked.

The Scots were startled when the powers of their intended new parlia*ment were compared* with those of an English parish council. Andrew Smith, the Shadow Transport Secretary, said at the Labour Party conference in October: "As if privatising water was not enough, the Tories have dreamt up a crazy new scheme to privatise the air ... They want to flog off the National Air Traffic Services ... Labour will do everything we can to block this sell-off. Our air is not for sale." He must have been shattered when this policy was abandoned last week.

After opposing and then accepting every privatisation measure, Labour stated there would be no more privatisations. With a hole in his proposed budget *large* enough to accommodate the Hale-Bopp comet, Gordon Brown announced *last week that substantial parts of Whitehall* and other public assets would be sold off, and that new candidates for flotations would be examined. Count*less party members must be bewil*dered. Yet Mr Blair has already arranged that Labour conferences in future will debate no motions critical of the leadership.

From the Peers' Gallery, both *Mr Major and Mr Blair are in* full-length view. At the twice-weekly PM's Question Times, Mr Major stands comfortable and relaxed, unless angry, while Mr Blair stands with legs nervously twitching when Mr Major discomfits him, as he frequently *does*. The *more* Mr Blair brands Mr Major a weakling, the *more* it looks the other way round. Hence Mr Blair's evasion of the one-to-one televised debates he once clamoured for. So that the public may judge for themselves, I *hope The Times's proposal for a one*-to-one debate will be accepted — but I fear that Mr Blair will continue to find excuses to dodge the confrontation.

Mr Blair's *most* powerful weapon remains that, after 18 years of Tory rule, the other side should be allowed a go. Appreciating that this is a deeply conservative country, Mr Blair, in his fairer moments, con*cedes that the Tories have done pretty* well and that he would follow almost the same policies — but more effectively and minus the sleaze.

All parties are subject to human frailties which pop up unexpectedly to embarrass them. Among the worst was John Stonehouse, *described in* the Oxford *Dictionary of National Biography* as "politician and confidence trickster", who was a minister *for six years in Harold Wilson's 1964* Government. Far more important is whether Mr Blair can be trusted to maintain our prosperity. This is exceedingly doubtful.

He is pledged to dismember much of the great trade union reforms in return *for the unions' silent acquies*cence, until after the election, to a programme alien to the beliefs in which they have been nurtured. The hollowness of Mr Blair's claim that the unions will get no favours is exposed by his intention instantly to *accept the social chapter* and a minimum wage despite the massive job losses these would entail. He derides the Tories for being split over Europe, with numerous Tory candidates declaring themselves against the single currency and further *integration*. But hardly any oppose Mr Major's determination to stay in the single currency negotiations to ensure that, if it happens, we suffer the least possible harm, although no Tory government would recommend joining it.

The Conservatives are not afraid of public discussion of the pros and cons. Mr Blair autocratically denies free expression *to his candidates*, although a substantial number are against the single currency and the further EU integration which he seeks. Herr Kohl and M Chirac dearly want a Blair victory, which should be a sufficient warning to the rest of us. A change of *government* would be inescapably for the worse, here and abroad.

Hunted out

BRITAIN'S run of luck in Hollywood took a knock last week when the director Alex Cox was dropped from the movie version of Hunter *S. Thompson's* 1971 tale of drugs and debauchery, *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas.*

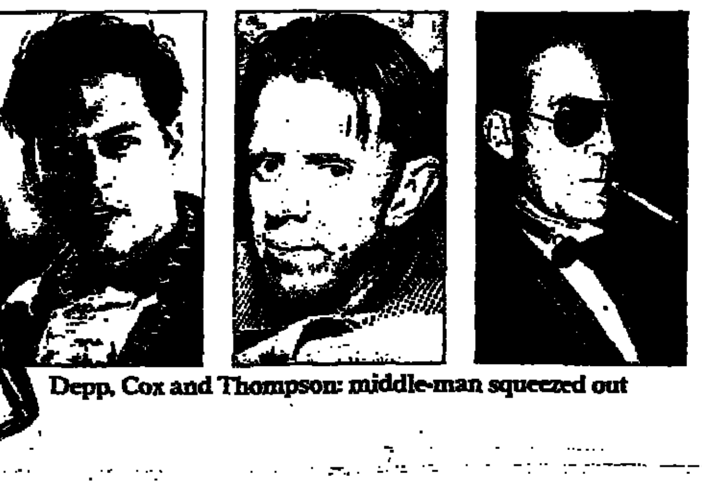
According to reports from the set, Cox, 42, who scripted the film and was once the great hope for the British *auteur* when he directed *Repo Man* and *Sid and Nancy*, disagreed with Johnny Depp, who stars as Thompson, over the "artistic direction" of the project.

Depp, a drinking pal of Thompson's, was said to be unhappy with the way Cox was portraying the writer. As tumbleweed blew through the desert sets, Depp said it's either you or me, pal, and Cox walked.

Cox's agent, David Kanter, talks in agent-speak: "Mr Cox and the producers of the film had some important differences of opinion over the direction of the movie. Alex is a guy who makes his own films and he felt this one wasn't going to work for him as much as he wanted to."

Artistic differences with Hollywood are nothing new for Cox. Last year he withdrew one of his films, *The Winner*, from the London Film Festival because he was unhappy with the way the film had been cut and edited by its American distributor. Cox said they had turned his film into a "dog's breakfast".

Terry Gilliam, who has had rather more success working with Hollywood, has been approached to replace him.



Depp, Cox and Thompson: middle-man squeezed out

THE TIMES DIARY

Her Nibs

NOT content with the £13 million just earned by her husband Sir Mark Weinberg from his company Rothschild Assurance, Anouska Hempel, hotelier and former erotic film star, is busy whistling up another fortune. The Australian darling of the beef tomato set has been appointed fountain pen designer to the luggage makers, Louis Vuitton. Her first range, which was launched in Paris last *month, appears to have been a success*. "Everyone simply loved the pens," she purrs from her Hammersmith villa. "They have stitches running up the sides, just like the Doctor Marten boots which my children wear."

Grave matter

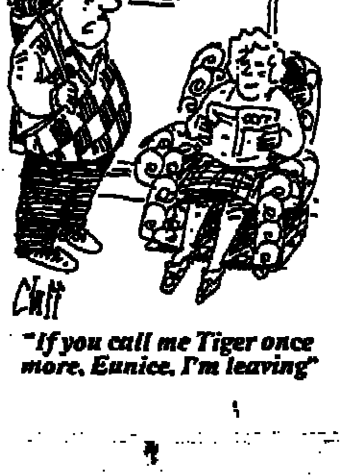
FORGET church graveyards and twee Gardens of Eternal Rest, the place to have one's ashes deposited these days is in "home-from-home" memorial furniture designed by Stephen Richardson, one of Britain's leading stonemasons. Each piece has a special niche in which your urn or urns can rest.

Bird baths, accommodating just one urn, go for £465, while a whole family of six can be accommodated in a garden table at £5,295. "I know people will welcome the opportunity to keep their relatives close by," Richardson says.

Plane talk

CONCLUSIVE evidence that Thabo Mbeki, Nelson Mandela's fiendishly ambitious deputy president, is the man who really runs South Africa comes with news that he has commandeered his boss's jet. Not content with chairing Cabinet meetings and recruiting his *own private politburo*, last week Mbeki jetted off for talks in the United States in the plane previously reserved for the President. Come Friday, when Mandela was bound for an inauguration ceremony in Angola, however, a despondent Mbeki, looking as though someone had sucked out all his soft centres, was demoted to the deputy president's humbler wings.

- *Good to see the Prime Minister taking Labour's call for honest campaigning on board. Speaking to Sybil Ruscoe yesterday on Radio 5 Live he was asked whether he would be attending the FA Cup Final on May 17 as Prime Minister. "Either way, I will not be able to attend," he replied. In the pure air of the new campaign, Mandelson and co. will doubtless be ignoring this blithe admission of the possibility of defeat.*



"If you call me Tiger once more, Eunice, I'm leaving"

Overboard

CALLING all oarsmen. The stewards of Henley Royal Regatta are scouring riverbanks for any sign of one of their stars from the 1980s, Andy Holmes, Olympic gold medal winner in 1988, has disappeared.

When Holmes won the Henley Silver Goblets pairs in the mid 1980s with Steve Redgrave, the regatta could not afford to hand out real goblets. Now the stewards have decided to rectify the *situation* and have commissioned 60 goblets to distribute to those without.

"We've invited everybody back who is entitled to them," says Richard Goddard, the secretary. "There's been a terrific response but we just can't find Andy Holmes. He's been sighted: he did go abroad for a bit but then we lost him."

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RED HERRINGS

Labour should not be let off the hook

Mr Blair was as slippery yesterday as a newly-caught mackerel. The Labour leader tried to ensure that there was no clear blue water between his party and the Tories on fishing. *He did* not convince. The Conservative commitment to block progress towards revision of the Maastricht treaty unless the EU deals with "quota-hopping" is only a beginning. The common fisheries policy (CFP) requires more fundamental reform, as will Britain's relationship with Europe. The Tories are, however, at least moving in the right direction. Mr Blair says he will take a tough line but will only promise that the use of the veto is "not ruled out". The Labour leader tried to place himself in Mr Major's slipstream but he is also maintaining a hole big enough to wriggle out of when the time comes to veto.

Since Britain joined the EU the country's fishermen have been victims. On accession in 1973 our fishing stocks provided the other members states with a handsome dowry. British waters held 70 per cent of what became European fish. Other nations were allowed access to traditional stocks, depriving coastal communities of income. That was not the only price they paid. In an effort to prevent over-fishing, the Commission has insisted on progressive reductions in the size of national fleets and the British has been particularly badly-hit. Discussions in Brussels yesterday to reduce further the capacity of the British fleet were complicated by the anomaly that has become known as "quota-hopping". Around 26 per cent of the supposedly British fleet are in fact foreign ships, mainly Dutch and Spanish, using licences intended for British trawlermen to support their own fishing industries.

Britain cannot veto reductions in the size of its own fishing fleet, but it can, and should, threaten to veto the revision of the Maastricht treaty until the injustice of quota-hopping is outlawed. The CFP's quotas were designed to afford a measure of protection to Britain's fishing industry and stocks and it is insupportable that they should be used by trawlers who take their custom, profits and jobs elsewhere. In the interests of prudent management of the seas, and a proper concern for coastal communities, quotas should be repatriated.

Mr Major's Government has not always been the fisherman's friend. The Tories' earlier opposition to decommissioning schemes impeded a proper restructuring of the nation's fishing fleet. Labour are, however, offering a red herring. Although Mr Blair flirts with the veto, the Shadow Foreign Secretary let it be known in February that a deal which was otherwise satisfactory would not be imperilled by an impasse on fish.

Mr Blair has promised that Labour will lead in Europe, building new alliances and presenting a more positive face. He has also sought to lower expectations, among Britain's voters and partners, that Labour would enter the single currency in the first wave. If Mr Blair is to stand aloof from the single most important part of the integrationist project then Europe will demand evidence of his good faith in other areas. It will be difficult for Labour, if it is to keep its credibility and the pound, not to show flexibility elsewhere. It is hard to see, if Mr Blair takes his seat at his first intergovernmental conference and is asked, as he will be, to agree to other significant transfers of sovereignty that he would choose to make his stand in defence of the whiting. The Labour leader cannot say he will be more positive in general and then try to be negative in almost every particular.

Mr Blair may well conclude that the interests of the nation as a whole might be better served by securing an agreement at Amsterdam that does not include an end to quota-hopping. If so, he should say so. Otherwise, he should match Mr Major's pledge to Britain's fishermen. For too long, they have seen their livelihoods bartered for influence and a poor bargain struck.

AFRICAN TWILIGHT

The time for talks is past, Mobutu must go

The long, corrupt and dishonourable reign of President Mobutu is coming to an end. Laurent Kabila, the leader of Zaire's disciplined and determined opposition forces, has ordered a renewed assault on government held towns. With the fall of Kananga and the arrival of Mr Kabila in Lumumbashi, most of central and eastern Zaire is now welcoming its new liberators and the rebels are advancing on the beleaguered capital.

General Mobutu, sick, paranoid and oblivious to the collapse of his power, has rejected all calls for his resignation. Meanwhile, as five million terrified residents of Kinshasa prepare for street battles and looting by the demoralised and rapacious police and army, politicians in Paris, Pretoria and the United Nations are calling for a ceasefire. Nothing could be more disastrous. What Zaire needs is not a new truce leaving in place a manipulative dictator, but the end of him. The sooner Mr Mobutu is defeated, the better.

Three outside factors are complicating this civil war. *The first is the presence of thousands of straggling Rwandan refugees in eastern Zaire, many of them sick and weak as cholera sweeps their makeshift camps.* The second is Zaire's huge mineral and diamond wealth, and the consequent Western political and financial interest in seeing a return to stability to stop the sprawling country splitting into feuding fiefdoms. The third is the legacy of Cold War politics, with the direct involvement of France in a country once seen as a bastion against communism in Africa.

In all three cases, the continued malign presence of President Mobutu inhibits a solution. *Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary-General, yesterday called for a ceasefire; Nelson Mandela is also attempting to broker a political solution. Both men* are playing into Mr Mobutu's hands. By suggesting that he is ready to negotiate with Mr Kabila, the President is trying to stall the military advance. His preferred tactic in his fissiparous country is bribe and rule. In this case, a continued power vacuum would complicate international attempts to locate and resettle Rwandan refugees, inhibit much needed Western investment and make more likely another orgy of urban looting encouraged by Mr Mobutu as a way of intimidating his enemies.

The Americans have called for the swift resignation of Mr Mobutu. They have established close contact with Mr Kabila, a man who has shed his Marxist past and is talking the same pragmatic language as President Museveni in Uganda and President Zenawi in Ethiopia, both rebel leaders who have come to power by overthrowing dictators. *The denouement in Kinshasa, however, still depends largely on France. Stung by accusations that it has backed the* old dictator to further its national and linguistic interests, Paris is now swiftly trying to distance itself from past policies. It insists that it wants only a ceasefire to prevent the break-up of Zaire. If this is the case, Paris should now be using whatever influence it has with Mr Mobutu to persuade him that the game is up. If he refuses Mr Kabila's offer of a dignified exit then France should make clear that nothing at home or abroad will save him.

MOZART OF THE GREENS

America can learn more from Tiger than how to swing

At a long-eyelashed 21 years of age, Eldrick "Tiger" Woods played like a seasoned champion to win his first top-level golf tournament. He became the youngest winner of the US Masters, set a record for the Augusta course, and did so in a brisk-gaited, genial manner. Amid the jaded joes of professional sports here is a fellow who springs from bed with a nod to his Creator, grateful that the days can be spent sucking the scent of fresh-mown grass into his lungs.

It was not only a white-dimpled golf ball that Mr Woods, who is black, addressed with his driver. With those enviably well-timed thwacks it was more than one of Messrs Dunlop and Co's finest that he sent clattering towards the horizon. What he also struck *was the* last remnants of the notion *that people of his* colour do not belong to the check-trousered classes, that the only black boy you should see on the fairway is the caddy. That the Augusta National admitted its first black member only in 1990 may have made those drives *all the sweeter.*

As any coarse golfer should know, it does not do to forgo one's temper. The weekend hacker, in despair of breaching the green, may attempt a batey swipe at the elusive nugget before him. His reward will be nothing more than a muddy divot and a juddering thumb, while the white item itself remains obstinately in place. If a golf ball is to be struck smartly it must be done so with almost breezy indifference. The swing must not be tense, the execution must have a whiff of classy disengagement. That is the way Tiger Woods plays and it is also the way that he has responded to the colour question. He is the Mozart of golf: a man whose early talent for the game places him among the child prodigy legends and gave him the confidence and mastery to overcome all subsequent obstacles to his advancement.

In many places, particularly in the American media, Mr Woods has been hailed excessively as the champion of all minorities. He has been urged to speak out against racial division, to chastise the old white walruses of the clubhouse — in effect, to fill his elbow with hatred and to plunge his spikes into the spine of the game he happens to love. So far he has wrapped himself in nothing more than the traditional green jacket of the Masters winner. He has said simply that maybe golf will be regarded by young blacks as slightly more "cool".

Some believe that Tiger Woods' success will solve America's racial problems. That is as likely as the popular rise of the splendid name Eldrick — despite early reports of Ancient and Royal men now hailing one another across the 19th hole as "MacTiger". Next time southern Los Angeles bursts into flames it will not be good enough to wriggle a Marie Antoinette nostril and say "let them play golf". But if those who debate racial injustice can learn to relax their fists, to regard life with the sunny brilliance of the new US Masters champion, they may find that they achieve a better score.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Democracy no substitute for a shared public morality

From the Right Reverend Lord Habgood

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("I prefer my morality to be private, Your Grace", April 12) *has once again aired his dislike of public morality by comparing it unfavourably with democracy,* thus confirming his commitment to the modern fashion for preferring procedures to principles.

He has a point: public moralising can be oppressive, and democracy is frequently the best way of resolving disputes. But he *overlooks the obvious* point that democracy itself depends on some generally accepted moral principles, for lack of which it has so often failed in countries where the procedures have been transplanted without the moral basis.

The real debate *is not about* whether we need a public morality, but about what shared moral commitments are essential if we are to enjoy the freedom to disagree on other matters.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HABGOOD,
18 The Mount,
Malton, North Yorkshire.
April 13.

From the Bishop of Oxford

Sir, *Simon Jenkins puts his faith in democracy rather than the moral* order appealed to by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Chief Rabbi. But democracy itself depends on that moral order. In particular it is grounded in the value of respect for other people and their right to express their views.

The arrangements *of democracy to* resolve disputes by talking and voting rather than violence are not *just pragmatic devices.* They too are rooted in fundamental values — ones which should certainly be taught in schools.

Nor is democracy something we can take for granted. It grew out of Protestantism, of which Simon Jenkins is himself a distinguished heir. That *Christian heritage, Catholic* as well as Protestant, is as vital as ever.

Jenkins quotes Alasdair MacIntyre on the value of democracy. What he leaves out is the religious vision that inspired those communities in an earlier dark age. *This is an essential aspect of MacIntyre's thesis, whose famous quotation, from After Virtue: a Study in Moral Theory* (Duckworth, 1986), ends with the words, "We are waiting not for a Godot, but for another — doubtless very different — St *Benedict.*"

Yours sincerely,
†RICHARD OXON:,
Diocesan Church House,
North Hinksey, Oxford.
April 13.

From Mr Peter Wood

Sir, Simon Jenkins confuses the inalienable rights of his own conscience (eg, on how to lead his own life) with the determination of what can be universally maintained (ie, that what is *right for Mr Jenkins is right generally).*

What I find so disturbing about the case he puts forward — apart from its frenetic distortion of Dr Carey's positions — is its apparent rejection of any source of advice, wisdom, counsel *or authority* apart from his own rationality. The entire point of *Alasdair MacIntyre's analysis of our "lost comprehension of morality" is* that behaviour was a *matter of habit,* learned in a community in which you found or knew your place.

That this finding or knowing can be achieved without absorbing the example, advice or counsel of others better and wiser than ourselves is to me incomprehensible and unreal.

Yours faithfully,
PETER WOOD,
Newbold Farm,
Duntisbourne Abbots,
Cirencester, Gloucestershire.
April 13.

From the Reverend Giles Hunt

Sir, "Democracy has the floor. Give it a break, and let the bishops return to their cells!"

Get up to date, Simon Jenkins! From the Reform Act of 1867 until *roughly 1967, democracy did indeed narrow* the gap between rich and poor, and far more effectively than moral preaching, because most voters were poor and politicians in a democracy will heed the majority. But today's problem is that most voters *are no longer poor, and politicians are not inclined to heed a minority unless* they are shamed into it.

That is what the bishops are trying to do. Instead of knocking their initiative, Simon Jenkins should support it.

Yours faithfully,
GILES HUNT,
The Cottage, Fairstead,
Cley-Next-Sea, Holt, Norfolk.
April 13.

Threat to children from 'alcopops'

From Mr Ian Sutherland

Sir, I believe that the recent and massive swing among children to drinking "alcopops" — soft drinks with an alcoholic content — constitutes a serious *threat to the youth of this country.*

Research which we conducted 18 months ago revealed that 29 per cent of 11-year-olds claimed to regularly drink alcohol (at least once a week for a period of three months or more) — a figure which rose to 88 per cent for 15-year-olds. *The vast majority of them claimed to drink normal-strength* beers and lagers.

This picture has now changed dramatically. Early analysis of results from a survey conducted between December *1996 and February 1997, involving 5,000 children in London,* Plymouth and north Devon, has shown that 57 per cent of child drinkers have switched to alcopops. This startling change is already causing great concern amongst the various groups of professionals, from *psychologists to teachers* and the police, to whom I have shown the research.

Alcohol is a difficult substance for a child to ingest; but in the form currently being presented children are hardly aware that they are swallowing *anything more than a normal fizzy or fruit* drink.

In addition to being little more expensive than non-alcoholic soft drinks — they range from 49p to £1.09 for a 330ml can — the 30-or-so brands of alcopops that have been identified are *many times stronger than the beers being consumed a few months* ago. With names like O/D (8.4 per cent proof), Ravers (13.5 per cent) and Cisco (15 per cent) it appears obvious towards whom these products are being *marketed.* Most table wines are between 8 and 11 per cent proof.

Sincerely,
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(Research assistant),
Centre for Substance Abuse Research,
University of Wales,
Swansea, Glamorganshire.
April 14.

Damage to newspapers

From Mr W. C. F. Butler

Sir, I recently visited the British Library Newspaper Library (the national collection) at Colindale. Seven out of ten of the south London and Thanet *newspapers I wished to consult for the period June to October 1893 could not* be produced because they were unfit for use — ie, they were on the shelf, but in such poor condition that they could not be read without unacceptable risk of damage. The staff advise me that the library contains literally *thousands of volumes in this condition.*

Deterioration of newsprint of this age is inevitable. To preserve this irreplaceable resource for the future, microfilming is in progress, both of existing stock and current acquisitions. *But there is clearly a very large* backlog.

Would not a substantial lottery grant to speed this effort be a better, and more permanent, way to mark the millennium than some of the ephemeral projects on which expenditure of *millions* of pounds has *already been approved?*

Yours faithfully,
W. C. F. BUTLER,
20 Cranborne Road,
Hatfield, Hertfordshire.
April 11.

Reporting Hong Kong

From the Editor of the
South China Morning Post

Sir, Your story on the *South China Morning Post*, headlined in earlier editions "Censorship fear as China adviser joins Hong Kong paper", reports "concerns from Hong Kong's pro-democracy faction that the *Post* is shying away from extensive coverage *of the territory's political issues".*

On each of the three days before your report appeared, the front page of the *Post* led with stories on the major political subject of the week, the proposed changes to civic rights legislation. We carried 16 other stories on *the subject over those three days,* plus two editorials and three comment articles, one of them running to a full page. If that's shying away from political issues, I'd hate to think what volume of coverage would be required *to pass muster.*

Yours sincerely,
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April 13.

Speech therapists' pay

From Dr Pat Curry

Sir, Although the Secretary of State has conceded victory to Professor Pamela Enderby (Mrs Creber's letter, April 9), *the battle for equal pay for the other speech therapists in the* claim which she has been leading continues. Dates have been considered well into December 1997 for some of their cases to be heard.

Surely the time has come to change the law on equal pay for work of equal value so that it actually works for the average employee. Justice that has taken more than ten years to achieve is justice denied. Although the Equal *Opportunities* Commission's code of practice *on equal pay has recently* been introduced, what is required is a far more fundamental change in the law and a genuine commitment on behalf of the Government to the spirit of Article 119 of the Treaty of Rome.

Yours faithfully,
PAT CURRY,
22 The Chase, Reigate, Surrey.
April 10.

National Trust ban on hunting deer

From Mr A. Mitchell

Sir, Before animal rights activists crack open bottles of elderflower wine to celebrate Professor Patrick Bateson's study for the National Trust on *the hunting of deer with hounds* (reports, April 10; see also reports, April 11), they should pause to think.

While the findings indicate that stress levels in hunted deer are unacceptably high, the study also said that shooting was a much more humane way of culling deer. In an age of intensive farming, *it may be argued that* truly "green" consumers should turn to deer stalking and game shooting.

Furthermore, Professor Bateson himself points out that the same stress patterns are not necessarily applicable to other hunted animals, such as *foxes, because of their different behaviour and physiology.*

Foxes are difficult to shoot cleanly with a shotgun, not least because of the severely limited range of a conventional game cartridge. A medium calibre rifle is much better, but the possession and safe use of these weapons is severely restricted.

Yours sincerely,
ALASDAIR MITCHELL,
Rudchester Manor,
Rudchester, Heddon-on-the-Wall,
Northumberland.
April 11.

From Mr R. T. Keigwin

Sir, The pathological conclusions of Professor Bateson's study are drawn from blood samples of deer that have been killed after hunting.

No samples were taken from deer that escaped *and surely no scientifically based conclusions can therefore* be drawn concerning them. I am not aware of any substantial evidence that hunted deer that escape are likely to die later of stress, let alone the 12 per cent suggested by Professor Bateson.

The study would be more convincing if it were able to provide evidence of recovery rates, difficult as this would have been to achieve.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN KEIGWIN,
Low Mains Farm,
Masham, North Yorkshire.
April 10.

From Mr Jeremy Willoughby

Sir, As a result of spending £165,000 of members' money and two years of research the governing council of the National Trust has concluded that *deer hunted by packs of hounds suffered extreme stress before they were* killed.

I cannot help but believe that this money and time might have been better spent on furthering the Trust's objectives with regard to our national heritage.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY WILLOUGHBY,
59 Gibson Square, N1.
April 11.

From Mr Peter Talbot Willcox

Sir, *Has anyone compared the level of stress suffered* by a wounded bullock with that of an animal shuffling towards its death in a slaughterhouse? Has anyone measured the collective suffering by far greater numbers of creatures that are wounded by shooting?

Until such research is forthcoming *it will continue to appear that the* motivation of the anti-hunting lobby is driven by sententious moralism.

Yours faithfully,
PETER TALBOT WILLCOX,
Thanescroft,
Shamley Green, Surrey.
April 10.

Shopping around

From Mr B. H. Parker

Sir, Yesterday evening, encouraged by the warm and still air, I decided to attend to a rust spot on my car. But I had run out of spray primer paint and had to go to a garage for more.

This proved difficult. In a 20-mile trip round the garages of *my* area I would have been able to buy a hot pastie, various brands of cat food, a greetings card for a new baby, a computer magazine, some flowers for my wife, or a *marked-down* Easter egg — *but no primer paint.*

Perhaps I should have tried the grocer's.

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN PARKER,
Rook House,
Victoria Road,
Dartmouth, Devon.
April 10.

Calm before the rage?

From Mrs Penny Tucker

Sir, Mr David Staples (letter, April 9) asks whether research has found a correlation between the increase in road rage and the growth in traffic-calming measures. Having experienced *few* traffic-calming measures on motorways, but a fair *amount of* rage, I suspect that the answer is no.

But even if there is a correlation, it's probably of no significance. The only true relationship between road rage and *traffic-calming measures is* the *one caused by the fact that both result* from the existence of too many motorists in too much of a hurry to get where they're going.

Yours faithfully,
PENNY TUCKER,
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Hartley Wintney, Hampshire.
April 10.

Crime and punishment

From Mr Fred Wachsberger

Sir, Why on earth do guidelines to magistrates (report, April 7) have to be so complicated?

Simply fining miscreants one or two weeks'/months' income, etc, would be far simpler, proportional, fairer and automatically index-linked. This *would save the whole exercise having to be redone in a few years' time.*

Yours sincerely,
FRED WACHSBERGER,
Howden Close Cottage,
Corbridge, Northumberland.
April 8.

From Mr John A. Heywood

Sir, Is there not a potential anomaly in attempting to tailor the punishment to accord with "the degree of hardship or inconvenience" it might cause?

Assume that the penniless, out-of-work joyrider and the affluent middle-class professional are both the cause of accidental deaths on the road. Sure*ly the additional "hardship and inconvenience" inevitably to be suffered by* the latter *should not* be justification for a prison sentence shorter than that imposed on the former.

Letting the punishment fit the crime still seems to be incontrovertible logic.

Yours faithfully,
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April 7.

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Boys and air pistols

From Professor Brian Sheldon

Sir, I read with great concern the truly appalling case of the boys expelled *from school for possession of an air* pistol (report, April 4; News in brief, April 10).

I have some experience in this field in that in 1958 "Fatty" Pardoe offered to sell me his .22 Webley for 7s 6d. I had long coveted this, but wanted to *check its current condition before investing. He brought it* to school but the transfer was spotted by *"Oberstürmbahnführer"* Bladen.

Those who consider that school discipline is now in disarray take note of how bad things once were. The lethal(ish) weapon was confiscated, we each received three of the best from R. L. Cooke, MA (Head Teacher), which sometimes on frosty mornings I fancy I can still feel. We were then, in flagrant breach of school safety procedures, sent back to our classrooms.

What happened to the air pistol? We *never found out,* though we *rather* fancied that R. L. Cooke, MA, kept it for himself — it was rather a nice one.

What happened to the two dreadfully abused boys? One became an engineer and the other a professor. How *much better it would have been had we both been expelled,* this decision enforced if necessary by a teachers' strike.

Can nations collectively contract mental illness one wonders? What *else could possibly* explain the repeat*ed panic attacks* from which we currently suffer.

Yours faithfully,
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April 10.

Spelling it out

From Mr M. J. Gifford

Sir, Perhaps *2001: A Space Odyssey* established the convention that the early years of the next century are re*ferred to as "two thousand and x"* (letter, April 10).

But somewhere in the middle of the second decade, this starts to sound cumbersome ("two thousand and seventeen", etc). 2020 can surely only be spoken of as "twenty twenty". But when to make the switch? A case for an EU directive?

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL GIFFORD,
133 Upland Road, SE22.

Clearing up the House

From Mr Hartley Booth

Sir, As the issue of cash and MPs has recently raised some eyebrows, I was interested to receive a letter from the Finance Office of the House of Commons to MPs, dated April 2, stating that:

Due to the disillusionment of the House on Tuesday, 8th April 1997, we are endeavouring to clear all outstanding accounts.

Yours faithfully,
H. BOOTH
(Conservative MP for Finchley,
1992-97),
House of Commons.
April 8.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 14: The Duke of Edinburgh and the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany (His Excellency Dr Helmut Kohl) this morning opened the British Pavilion at the Hanover Trade Fair.

His Royal Highness this afternoon arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt from Germany.

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Richards was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 14: The Duke of York this *morning left* Gatwick Airport, London, for Zimbabwe. Sir Michael Pike (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and took leave of His Royal Highness.

Commander Charlotte Manley RN and Major Timothy Allan are in attendance.

April 14: The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, this morning visited the Highland Group at the Highland Riding Centre, Borlum Farm, Drumnadrochit, and was received by Captain Euan Fraser (Deputy Lieutenant of Inverness-shire).

Today's royal engagements

The *Duke of Edinburgh*, as Patron, will visit the Licensed Victuallers' National Homes at Denham, Uxbridge, at 2.30; and as Patron of *the Outward Bound Trust*, will attend the Patron's Company Dinner for the Young President's Organisation at St James's Palace at 7.15.

Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Wednesday, June 4, 1997. All are welcome, and those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 4, 1 Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey SW1P 3PL, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted from May 26.

Merchant Adventurers

The following have been elected as officers of the Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York:

Governor, Mr Colin Shepherd; Deputy Governor, Mr Ashley Burgess; Senior Warden, Mr Lindsay Mackinlay; Junior Warden, District Judge Michael Grills.

Reception

City University

The Lord Mayor, Chancellor of the City University, was the guest of honour at a reception held yesterday at Saddlers' Hall to mark the affiliation of the Inns of Court School of Law to the university. Professor Raoul Franklin, vice-chancellor of the university, and Mr Justice Hooper, chairman of the governing body of the school of law, were the hosts. The Lord Chief Justice, Lords of Appeal in Ordinary, the Treasurers of the four Inns of Court, the Chairman of the Bar and other members of the judiciary and legal profession were among those present.

Dinner

Lord Mayor of Westminster

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at the annual civic *dinner of* the City of Westminster held last night at Grosvenor House. Members of the Diplomatic Corps, *members of both* Houses of Parliament, London borough mayors, representatives of the church and other faiths, HM Forces, the emergency services, *the arts*, commerce, voluntary and charitable organisations and other friends of Westminster were present.

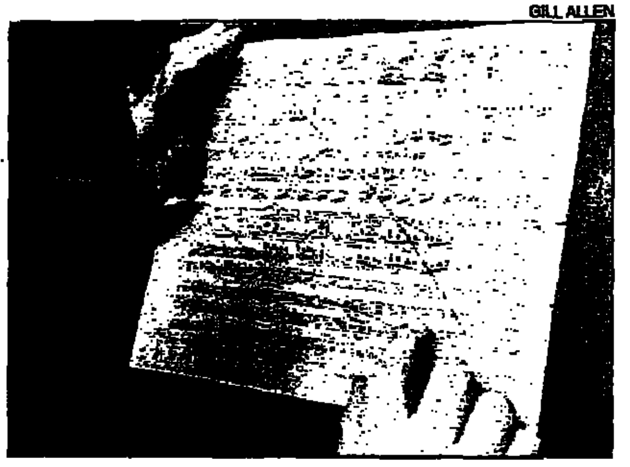
The Athenaeum

Professor Sir Walter Bodmer, FRS, was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Professor Sir Ronald Oxburgh, FRS, was in the chair.

Birthdays today

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, 57; Dame Jocelyn Barrow, former deputy chairman, Broadcasting Standards Council, 68; Sir Kenneth Bloomfield, civil servant, 66; Group Captain David Bolton, former director, Royal United Services Institute, 65; Professor Sir Michael Bond, *Vice-Principal*, Glasgow University, 61; Sir Adrian Cadbury, former chairman, Cadbury Schweppes, 68; Mr Tony Calvert, founder, *Terrence Higgins* Trust, 41; Miss Claudia Cardinale, actress, 59; Sir Richard Evans, diplomat, 69; Lord Geraint, 72; *Lord Grey of Naunton*, 87; *Sir* Tim Lankester, director, School of Oriental and African Studies, 55; *Sir Neville Marriner*, *conductor*, 73; Professor C.D. Marsden, neurologist, 59; Sir Peter Menzies, former chairman, Electricity Council, 85; *Mr Alan Plater*, scriptwriter, 62; Mr A.J.P. Ross, former chairman, Joint Consultants Committee, 62; Earl Russell, 60; Sir *Maurice Shock*, *former* Rector, Lincoln College, Oxford, 71; Sir Leslie Smith, former chairman, BOC Group, 78; Mr G.H. Stafford, *former Master*, *St Cross College*, Oxford, 77; Miss Emma Thompson, actress, 38; Miss Meriol Trevor, author, 78; Dr Richard von Weizsäcker, former *President* of Germany, 77; Sir Douglas Wass, civil servant, 74.

Schubert



Dr Maguire with the newly-discovered Schubert sketch

Haydn

Haydn and Schubert manuscripts found

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

PREVIOUSLY-unknown musical *sketches by Schubert and Haydn* have been found in the collection of an American who had no idea that he owned works by two of the great classical composers.

The lost, unfinished Schubert manuscript of a string trio and a sketch for a missing movement from one of Haydn's string quartets were found when the collector invited Simon Maguire of Sotheby's in London to examine his collection.

He had mistakenly assumed that the name Fuchs scribbled on the Haydn manuscript was that of the composer. Dr Maguire realised that the signature belonged to Aloys Fuchs, a 19th-century collector, and that the music was in Haydn's hand: he believes it is a draft for the String Quartet in D minor, Op 103, *written in 1802. Until this discovery*, only two movements of the quartet were known to scholars. The manuscripts are expected to sell for £25,000 and £20,000 respectively on May 16.

Scholars knew that Schubert (1797-1828) had composed a string trio as 11 bars from it were included in a book published in 1873. It also includes 55 bars across two pages of manuscript paper. Schubert had started a string quartet on *the same day*: the opening two bars are the same. Otherwise, said Dr Maguire, "it is a new piece". He noted that Schubert had started writing it as a string trio: "All three parts are there. I believe he decided he ought to write a string quartet rather than a trio and this got discarded. You could perform it, but it would take two minutes."

"*It is typical of Schubert*," Dr Maguire said, adding that "it seems he composed so quickly, he had no need of sketches".

Haydn (1732-1809) is regarded as the father of the string quartet. One side of the discovered page bears a sketch for the composer's main thematic line for his last, completed instrumental work, the Hungarian National March; the other has a sketch for an incomplete late string quartet in D minor written in 1802. Dr Maguire *believes that this is a sketch* for either the missing first or last movements. Until now, only the slow movement and the minuet and trio have been known.

Marriage

Mr C.M.H. Walkinshaw and Miss P.A. MacSwiney

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 12, at St Andrew's Church, Tarvin, Cheshire, of Mr Christopher Walkinshaw, eldest *son of Mr Nicholas Walkinshaw* and of Mrs Michael Marshall, to Miss Penelope MacSwiney, second daughter of Major and Mrs *Hugh MacSwiney. The Rev David* Herbert officiated and Dom Adrian Convery, OSB, gave an address.

The bride, *who was given in* marriage by her father, was attended by Pippa Needes, Natasha Power, Edward Power, Geordie Maxwell, *Hugo Maxwell*, Caroline Anson, Clement Seconde-Kynnersley and Georgia Plunket-Checkemian. Mr Mark Goodman *was best man*.

A reception was held at The Croft House and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Henry James, writer, New York, 1843; Bessie Smith, the empress of the blues, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 1894.

DEATHS: Abraham Lincoln, 16th American president 1861-65, assassinated at Ford's Theatre, Washington, 1865; Matthew Arnold, *poet and critic, Liverpool*, 1888; William Thomas Stead, journalist, perished on the Titanic, 1912; John Singer Sargent, portrait painter, *London*, 1925; *Jean-Paul Sartre*, existentialist, Paris, 1980; Greta Garbo, actress, New York, 1990.

The White Star liner *Titanic* struck an iceberg and sank on her maiden voyage with the loss of more than 1,500 lives. 1912.

School news

Benenden School

Term starts today at Benenden School. Open mornings for parents of prospective students will be held on April 19, May 10 and 31. *Seniors' Day will take place on* May 17. Speaker of the Year will be Jane Mishcon, Barrister. All Seniors are warmly invited, especially *leavers from* 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987 and 1992.

Chigwell School

Summer Term at Chigwell School *starts on* Wednesday, April 16. Speech Day and the Summer Ball will be held on Saturday, June 21. The Captain of Cricket is Muazain *Ali (Swallow's). The Summer* Concert will be on Tuesday, July 1 and the Junior School play *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* will be *performed on the nights of* Wednesday, May 14 to Saturday, May 17.

Howell's School, Denbigh

Term began yesterday at Howell's School marking the beginning of a new era for the school under the trusteeship of Howell's 2000. The *new Prime Warden is Katherine* Insall, her Deputy is Angela Bailey-Locke and the two Senior Day Girls are Carly Romain and *Nicola Hughes. Speech Day will* be on Saturday, July 5, when the guest speaker will be Professor Katharine Perera, Pro Vice-Chan*cellor of the University of* Manchester. Old Howellians and other friends are invited to contact the Headmistress for more *information regarding the school's* exciting future.

Howell's School exists for the promotion of education for girls.

The King's School, Canterbury

Summer term begins today. The School will be celebrating St Augustine's arrival in Canterbury *in 597 AD and from whose time the* School traces its history. A Commemorative 'King's Walk' will be held on May 4. The Choral *Concert will be performed in the* Cathedral on Saturday, May 10. King's Week will run from June 26 until July 3. A Gala Concert will be held *in the Cathedral on Tuesday*, July 1, with the premiere of a major orchestral work by Robin Holloway. The main play will be *Tamburlaine the Great* by Christopher Marlowe. Speech Day is Thursday, July 3, when the Anniversary Preacher will be The Archbishop of Canterbury.

Pipers Corner School, High Wycombe

The Summer term begins today at *Pipers Corner, Great Kingshill*. Eleven scholarships have been awarded for Sixth Form studies this coming Autumn, 1997. *Sports* Day takes place *on* Wednesday, June 25, and Parents' Day will be held on Saturday, July 5, with Mr Eddie Bell, Executive Chairman and *Publisher of* HarperCollins UK, as Guest Speaker.

Queen Margaret's School, York

Summer Term begins on Thurs*day, April 17, and ends with* Speech Day on July 5. The Choral Society Concert will take place *in* the College of Ripon & York St *John on April 27. Queen Mar*garet's Gymkhana is on June 30 and Sports Day on July 2. The Guest Speaker on Speech Day will be *Mrs Angela Knight, MP*.

Reed's School

Summer Term began on Sunday, April 13, with Jamie Salmassian as *Captain of School and* Angus Hamilton, Captain of Cricket. An Open Morning will be held on Saturday, May 17, and the Choral *Society will sing Haydn's Creation* on Sunday, May 18. Old Reedonian Reunion Day is on Saturday, June 28, and term ends *on Saturday, July 5, with Speech* Day. The Golden Jubilee Ball will be held that evening. Mr David Prince retires at the end of term after 14 years *as Headmaster* to take up the post of Membership Secretary of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference. Mr David Jarrett, MA, currently Senior Housemaster at Bedford School, will succeed Mr Prince as Headmaster.

St George's School, Ascot

Boarders return to St George's School, Ascot today for the Summer Term. There will be an *Official Opening of the Sixth Form* boarding accommodation in New Loveday House by Mrs John Calvert, wife of the Chairman of *the Board of Governors, on St* George's Day, Wednesday, April 23. Open Day for Sixth Form entry will be held on Friday, May 2, *from 11.45am. Half-Term will be* from Friday, May 23 to Sunday, June 1. Freshers' Day for 1997 entry will be held on Sunday, June 8. *Academic Scholarships have* been awarded to Alicia John and Naomi Pereira. Music Awards have been gained by Elizabeth *James and Hannah Morgan*. Sports Day will be held on Friday, June 20. The Annual Summer Concert "Music for a Summer *Evening" will be held at the School* on Wednesday, July 2, at 7.30pm. The Chapel Choir and Woodwind Ensemble go on their fifth European tour to Venice and Padua from July 5 to July 14. Term ends Friday, July 4.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.L. Adams and Miss E. Woollett

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of *the late* Mr Malcolm Adams and of Mrs Adams, of Holcombe Rogus, *Devon*, and Emma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Woollett, of Cwmsychpant, Ceredigion.

Mr J.J.C. Brittain and Miss E.M. Conyngham Greene

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mrs Diana *Brittain and the* late Mr Peter Brittain, of Greenwich, London, and Lizzie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Conyngham Greene, of Corbridge, Northumberland.

Mr B.R. Cornish and Miss D.M. Ellis

The engagement is announced between Brian, son of the late Mr and Mrs Richard Cornish, of *Exeter, and stepson* of Mrs Anne Cornish, of Lympstone, Devon, and Diana, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Clive Ellis, of Petersfield, *Hampshire*.

Mr F. Fournier and Miss S.L. Fane

The engagement is announced *between Frederic, elder son of M* and Mme Michel Fournier, of Courthézon, France, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Fane, of *Baughurst*, Hampshire.

Mr J.M.C. Marks and Miss A.F. Pearson

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr Anthony Marks and Mrs Roberta Marks, of London, and Angela, younger daughter of the late Mr *David Pearson and of Mrs Ingrid* Pearson, of Guiseley, Yorkshire.

Mr J. Meager and Miss J. Coombe

The engagement is announced between Joseph, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Allan Meager, of *Gloucestershire*, and Juliet, only daughter of His Honour Judge and Mrs Michael Coombe, of London.

Mr R.P. Tett and Miss S.L. Dalzell

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Tett, of Moor Park, Middlesex, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr Richard Dalzell, of Fulham, London, and Mrs Margaret Jones, of Ponteland, Northumberland.

Mr C.C. Ziegler *and Miss J.C. Inglis*

The engagement is announced between Colin, son of Mr Philip Ziegler and the late Mrs Sarah Ziegler and stepson of Mrs Clare Ziegler, of Kensington, London, and Julia, daughter of Mrs Christopher Inglis and the late *Mr* Christopher Inglis, of Llansantffraed, Powys.

Britannia Royal Naval College

The Queen took the salute at a *passing out parade held at* Britannia Royal Naval College (Commodore A P Masterton-Smith) on Thursday April 10.

The following officers passed out:

Direct Graduate Entry, Seamen

Sub Lieutenants C R Allan, M E J Anderson, J R W Bagshaw, T P *Booton, J H C Curry, B J Doig*, J A L Gleeson, J D Goulder, C R Guy, C E Hawkins, T Howe, R P H Hutchings, S A Jones, A J *Leadbetter, M J Mason*, F A Morgan, P B Norris, G R Palin, R G Pedre, J C Penman, J R Picking, P C Richardson, J H Ryan, H L Towse, *R T Tremelling*, R J Tudor-Thomas, P A Weir, E A Whiting, S D R Williams.

Naval College Entry, Seamen

Midshipmen P W Ella, P S K Kay, N C Leason, K E Lewis, J C Pearson, I H Richardson, J P *White, D S Whitehouse, J P Winn*.

University Cadet Entry, Seaman

Midshipmen A Burton, K N Morey, J H G Parkinson.

Direct Graduate Entry, Engineer

Sub Lieutenants A W Banham, R M S Beaver, D M D'Silva, E F Grennan, D Humphery, M P Jacobs, J D McLellan, J R Millard, J I Morley, I J Taylor, D B Thorp.

Direct Graduate Entry, Engineer (Training Management)

Lieutenants P T Blow, N N J Hunter, P J Le Gasick, C D Pinder, *J M Saunders*, K L Sheedy, Sub Lieutenants D J Elsey, A Mackinnon.

University College Entry, Engineer

Midshipman J C Brown.

Direct Graduate Entry, Supply

Sub Lieutenants C V R Bull, C L *Drake, E M Gillies, A Haggard*, N Sheikh, F M Skipworth, R J Webster, G R Wood.

University College Entry, Supply

Midshipman D M B Chesters.

Direct Graduate Entry, 87 Flight Pilots

Sub Lieutenants A J Bates, D J Beech, J C Birchall, J Blackmore, R T C Calhaem, R N Dale, D J Doughty, R N Eastwood, D J E *Gibbs, J R Haggo*, M Marshall, P E McCormick, J E Priest, D M Savage, M P Spencer, B M Spoors, K M S Steen, P N Tremelling, M S *Vallance, D J White*.

Naval College Entry, 87 Flight Pilots

Midshipmen P J Crompton, R A Dixon, G W Talbot.

Direct Graduate Entry, 87 Flight Observers

Sub Lieutenants N J Bloomfield, K S Bramall, E J Holroyd, J S McMichael, S M Wall, G J White.

Direct Graduate Entry, *Air Traffic Control*

Sub Lieutenant J E McKie.

Internationals Entry 96/3

Midshipmen Al Habsi, Al Hinai, Al Khaldi, Al Kiyumi, Al Morhashna, Al Salmi, Al Shukairi, Al Zaabi, Arhen Maxwell, Cher KK, Liau Y C, A D J Neil, Salimin Ahmad, A M Weeks.

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Do not drag me away with the ungodly, with evildoers who speak civilly to their fellows, though with malice in their hearts. Psalm 28 : 3

BIRTHS

ARONOW - On April 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Lois (née Ruben) and Gil, a son, Isaac Coltrane, happy and *healthy*.

BARRON - On April 10th 1997, to Amanda (née Banks) and Andrew, a son, Christian James Derek, a brother to *Alexander and Katharine*.

BINDAWA - On April 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Lawal and Khadiza, a daughter, Hadiza Amal, a sister to Rabi.

BUNYAN - On 14th April 1997 at St Paul's Hospital, Cheltenham, to Susannah (née Noguera) and "Bunny", a son, Edward John.

BURNELL - On 31st March, 1997, in Connecticut, USA, to Sarah (née Sneigar) and Nick, a daughter, Victoria May McLaren, a sister for Sophia.

CARRICK SMITH - On 7th April 1997, to Emma (née Stephens) and Richard, a daughter, Alice Violet, a sister for Daisy.

COOPER - To Paul and Catherine a daughter Rosie Alexandra, sister for Charlotte Grace, born 7th April.

ELLIS - On April 9th 1997 at Hereford Hospital, to Mark and Elaine, a daughter, Megan Victoria, a sister to Ben and Amy.

FLUENDY - On *April 12th* in Hong Kong, to Peta (née Firth) and Simon, a daughter, Tamsin Heather.

GIANNETTO - On April 7th at *The Portland Hospital*, to Jennifer (née Chrotaki) and James, a daughter, Julia Catharine.

GRUNDMAN - On April 9th 1997 at The Portland Hospital, to Stacey (née Beal) and Marc, a beautiful daughter, Hannah Miriam.

HANRATTY - On April 11th 1997 at Countess of Chester Hospital, to Andrew and Helen (née Robinson), a lovely son, Benedict Andrew, a brother for Patrick.

LLOYD - On Saturday April 12th 1997, to Susanna (née Matthews) and Christopher, a son, Charles Edward, a brother for Jonathan.

MARSHALL - On April 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Jill (née Denham) and Stephen, a daughter, Caroline and a son, John.

PANIARAS - On April 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Ismini and Yanni, a son, Elias.

PHILPOTT - On April 9th, to Georgiana (née Mann) and Adrian, a son, Charles William.

PRITCHARD - On 8th April 1997, to Keith and Katrina (née Burrell), a son, Adam James Llewelyn, a brother for Jessica Ellen.

RATHBONE - To Mojo and Patsy on 26th March 1997, a son, Felix.

SANDERS - On April 9th 1997, to Stephen and Diane, a daughter, Naomi Elizabeth Louise, a sister for Helen.

SPAGNOLETTI - On 30th March 1997, to Alison and Robert, a son, Hugh Peter, brother to Alistair.

STIRRUP - On 14th April, to Georgina and Charles, a daughter, Isobel Diana, a sister *for* William and Timothy.

TERRY - On 12th April, to Sara (née Mountford) and Robert, a daughter, Imogen Louise Demoira.

WATSON - On Saturday April 5th, to Jacqi and Andrew, a son, Rory Charles, a brother for Henry and Luci.

WILES - On April 7th in North Devon, to Georgina (Howes) and Roger, a son, Theodore Jack, a brother for Zoë. Isaiah 43. 1-4a.

DEATHS

BECHER - John Richard Hedges died peacefully in hospital on April 10th, father of Julian and Jennifer. Funeral Service at Honor Oak Crematorium on Thursday 17th April at 4.30 pm. No flowers but donations please to St Christopher's Hospice, *Sydenham* SE26.

BLOUNT - Dorothy Mary née Cavill of St. Bartholomew's Close, Cam, Dursley. *Formerly of* Kingsley, Cheshire. Passed away peacefully April 10th aged 76 years. Thanksgiving Service at Upper Cam Church Friday 18th April at 2.00 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Cancer Research to L.W. Clutterbuck Funeral Director, 24/26 High Street, Cam, *Dursley*, Glos. GL11 5LR.

BOARDMAN - John MBE, peacefully on April 11th 1997 in Germany after a long illness aged 86. Loved and loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Private service in Germany.

BYDE - Peter Charles died peacefully at home on Thursday April 10th 1997 aged 65. Husband *of* Norma (née Jacobson), father of Noel, John, Robin and Jamie, brother of Jean and stepson of Brenda. May he rest in *peace. Funeral Service at St* Dominic's Church, Waddon, on Tuesday April 22nd at 12 noon, followed by interment at Mitcham Road Cemetery. No *flowers* by request but if desired donations to St Christopher's Hospice (Home Care Team) c/o J.B. Shakespeare Ltd, 67 George Street, Croydon, CR0 1LD, tel: (0181) 688-1447.

COKE - On April 12th 1997 at home, Molly, wife of Richard, loved by all her family. Funeral Service at 2 pm on Tuesday April 22nd at All Saints Church, Weasenham, Norfolk, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to *All Saints Church Repair* Fund.

COLVILLE - *Philip* Robert MBE on Friday 11th April at Charing Cross Hospital, aged 86, son of the late Hon. George and Lady Cynthia Colville DCVO. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

CURRY - On April 10th, 1997, at The Harbour Hospital, Poole, Muriel, aged 88 years, beloved wife of the late James, much loved mother of Terry and of the late Jean and Alan, dear mother-in-law of Pam and a dearest grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Lady St Mary Church, Wareham, on Monday, April *21st*, at 12 noon, followed by cremation. Flowers, or donations for Guide Dogs for the Blind, may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 755 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, BH7 6AN.

CUTTS - The Rt. Revd. Richard Stanley died suddenly at home on *April 12th 1997*. Beloved husband of Rene, dear father of Elizabeth, Mark, Katharine and Anna, loving *father-in-law* of Paul, Tim and Harriet and dearest grandfather of Trevor, David, Jonathan, Ann and Stephen. Funeral at the Abbey Church, Bourne, Lincs. at 12 noon on Saturday April 19th 1997. Family flowers only. Donations to the Argentine Diocesan Association or St Andrew's Church, West Deeping.

DEAKIN - Gerald Revell Norman. In hospital on April 10th 1997. Much loved husband of Jacqueline and father of two devoted daughters, Armelle and Brigitte. Funeral at St Dunstan's Church, Mayfield, East Sussex on April 17th at 3.15 pm.

EDWARD - *Elizabeth* on 12th April 1997 aged 92. Dear wife of the late Commander W.S.G. Edward OBE, mother of Mathilde and Robert. Funeral *St Mary's*, Cerne Abbas, 3.30 pm Tuesday 22nd April. Donations to The Missions to Seamen c/o Harold F. Miles Funeral Directors, South Cadbury, Yeovil, Somerset.

FRERE - See Scott of Gala.

GARDNER - On April 9th 1997 Dr. Gerard Matthew Parry died in his *sleep* aged 43 years. Beloved son of Matthew and Jean and much loved brother of Katie. Devoted husband to Gwen and loving father of Harriet and Prudence. A service will take place at St Peter's Church, Petersham, on Friday April 18th at 3 pm. Enquiries to T.H. Sanders, tel: (0181) 948-1551.

HOLY - Ladislav, Professor of Social Anthropology, University of St Andrews, on 13th April 1997. Peacefully at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee after a long illness. Dearly loved husband of Kate and stepfather of Ruth and Tom. Funeral service in Kingsbarns Parish Church on Friday, April 18th at 1pm. thereafter to Kingsbarns Cemetery at approx 1.30pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu to The Prostate Cancer Charity.

KENNEDY - Anna-Marie, partner at Simmons & Simmons, solicitors, on 5th April in her 37th year after illness fought with great courage, strength and dignity. Dearly loved wife of Jeremy Dealey, she will be sorely missed by Thomas, Kate, Mary, Austin, Paul, Flora and her many friends and colleagues. An exceptional person of great energy and vitality, she lived *her life to the full. Her* accomplishments were only matched by her generosity, honesty and humour. Funeral service at the Kent & Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells on Friday 18th April at noon. Family flowers only. Donations to Bristol Cancer Help Centre c/o E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

MALTHOUSE - Peacefully in Penarth on April 12th, *Eric*, aged 82 years, husband of the *late* Anne, *father of* Penelope, Diana and Paul. Resting at the private funeral home of James Pidgeon & Son, 539 Cowbridge Road East, Victoria Park, Cardiff (where floral tributes may be sent) until the funeral on Friday April 18th service at 2 pm in the chapel at Thornhill Crematorium, where friends please meet.

MINET - (Wilhelmina Cappo, née Wheeler) of Kensington and Providence, Rhode Island, died on April 9th after a long illness. Widow of Peter R. Minet, stepmother of Paul and Nicholas, sister to Anne and Betsy. Funeral Service at St Mary Abbots, Kensington at 3 pm on April 22nd. Donations in lieu of flowers to The French Hospital, *La Providence*, Rochester, Kent.

PHILLIPS - Elsa Ernestine (née Griffin), wife of the late R.M. *Phillips* CBE, of Brighton. Died peacefully 12th April 1997 aged 94. Private cremation. No flowers please.

PENNINGTON - Jon on 13th April suddenly after a short illness, dear husband of Lisa, proud father of Nicholas, Anastasia, Cressida and the late Kipps and Casper, grandfather to Tristan and Chloe. Humanist Service 2 pm 18th April at Semington Crematorium, Wiltshire.

PAPADIMITRIOU - Constantinos Dimitri (Dino) aged 71 years, on 12th April at Nuffield Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, after a short illness. Much loved husband of Mavis, dear father of Dimitri and John, father-in-law *of* Joanne and proud *grandfather of Lily*. Funeral *Service* at the Greek Orthodox Church, Bury New Road, Manchester, on Thursday 17th April at 1 pm prior to committal at the Altrincham Crematorium. No flowers, donations if desired to Hospice in the Weald, Allen Gardiner House, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells, *Kent TN2 3QU*. All enquiries to the funeral directors Ashton Brookes, tel: (0161) 928-7816.

RAW - Marion Frances, peacefully on April 10th, beloved wife of the late *Stanley*, mother and grandmother. Family flowers only. Funeral enquiries and donations if desired payable to St Andrew's Conservation and Development Fund c/o Farnham Funeral Service, 100 Shortheath Road, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8SR, tel: (01252) 711444.

RICHMOND - On April 11th 1997 Sir Alan BSc(Eng) PhD DSc CEng *FIMechE* FCIArb died peacefully in the Royal United Hospital, Bath, after a short illness. Dearly loved husband of Sally and stepfather of Frances and Richard. *Cremation* at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Thursday April 17th at 4.30 pm. Family *flowers* only. Donations if desired for International Interfaith Centre, Oxford, c/o C.S. Bowyer Ltd. Funeral Directors, Bradford-on-Avon.

ROBSON - Harold Geoffrey Robson CBE peacefully and with great dignity on April 12th 1997. Much loved and loving husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and great friend to all who knew him. Funeral Service on Friday April 18th. All enquiries to Pimms Funeral Services, tel: (01483) 567394.

ROSS - On April 12th 1997, Professor James Alexander *M.B.E. M.D. F.R.C.S.E.*, died peacefully at Chamberlain Nursing Home, Edinburgh, dearly loved father of Elizabeth and David and *grandfather* to Yvonne, Amanda, Sarah and Catherine. Funeral Service at Mortonhall Crematorium Main Chapel, Edinburgh, on *Friday* 18th April at 11.00 a.m. All Welcome.

SANDERS - Norris Manley (Cinders). Died peacefully on Thursday 10th April aged 90. Beloved husband of Gertrude. A wonderful father and grandfather who will be sadly missed. Service of Thanksgiving will be held at All Saints Church, *Farringdon*, nr Alton, Hampshire on Friday 18th April at 2.45 pm. Family *flowers* only. Donations in his memory to The Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, c/o Kemp & Stevens, 93 High Street, Alton, Hants. GU34 1LG.

SCOTT OF GALA - On April 13th, 1997, peacefully at home, Christopher Bartle Hugh Frere, aged 72. Much loved husband of Anne and adored father of Johnny, *Dominic*, Rupert and Sebastian and of the late Julian. Fortified by the Rites of the Holy Church. Funeral at the Church of Our Lady and St. *Andrew*, Galashiels, at 11 am on Friday 18th April 1997. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, c/o Thomas Brown (Funeral Directors), East Port, Melrose TD6 9EE.

SHELDON - Rosemary. On 11th April, peacefully after a short illness. Much loved wife of the late Laurie Sheldon, stepmother of Susan and grandmother of Fiona, Charles and Edmund. *Dear friend of Nanny Lewer*, Guy and Crin. Private cremation followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St Michael's Church, East Coker, near Yeovil at 11.45am on Friday 18th April. Family flowers only but donations to St Margaret's Hospice, Taunton, TA1 5HA.

SIMPSON - Rt. Hon Dr Robert, Ballymena, Northern Ireland. Suddenly at home on 8th April 1997. Dearly loved husband of Dorothy and devoted *father of* Dermott, Cherith and Guy. Service of Thanksgiving at West Church, Ballymena on 16th April at 3 p.m.

SLATER - Alan Vincent on April 6th 1997 after Alzheimer's Disease and Diabetes complications. Alan Slater MA BSc aged 87 years. Dear husband of the late Katharine Slater and father of Jack, Hugh and Claudette and dear grandfather. Formerly teacher and headmaster in Lancashire and Chief Education Officer in North West Kent and then Haringey. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Dartford, Kent at 11 am on Tuesday 22nd April 1997. Family *flowers* only. *Donations* if desired to Co-operative Funeral Service, 104 Lowfield Street, Dartford, Kent for The Childrens' Society and The Cats Protection League.

USSISHKIN - Laurence BDS FDS MOrth RCS (Eng) Consultant Orthodontist, Dental Sub Dean *UMDS* Guy's and St Thomas's. Died suddenly on Friday 11th April. A gentle caring husband, father and grandfather.

WEBB - J. David (Bed) Lt Cdr RN (Rtd) aged *69*, beloved husband of Tessa and loving father of Bennett and Carolyn, died peacefully after a *short* illness on Sunday April 13th. Thanksgiving Service at 2.30pm on Friday 18th April at Holy Trinity Church, Bembridge, IW. No flowers but donations may be made to RNLI c/o Weaver Bros. F/D, Bembridge, IW. (01983) 872598.

WENT - Clifford Sydney of Stafford, died peacefully on April 12th 1997, aged 84 years. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral will be held at Seighford Church, *Staffs* at 2pm on Thursday April 17th.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BATTEY - A Memorial Service will be held to celebrate the life of Keith Battey on April 30th 1997 at Danehill *Parish* Church, nr. Haywards Heath, Sussex at 2 pm. Enquiries or donations, if desired, to St Catherine's Hospice c/o Cooper & Son, 11 *New Town, Uckfield* TN22 5DL, tel: (01825) 763763.

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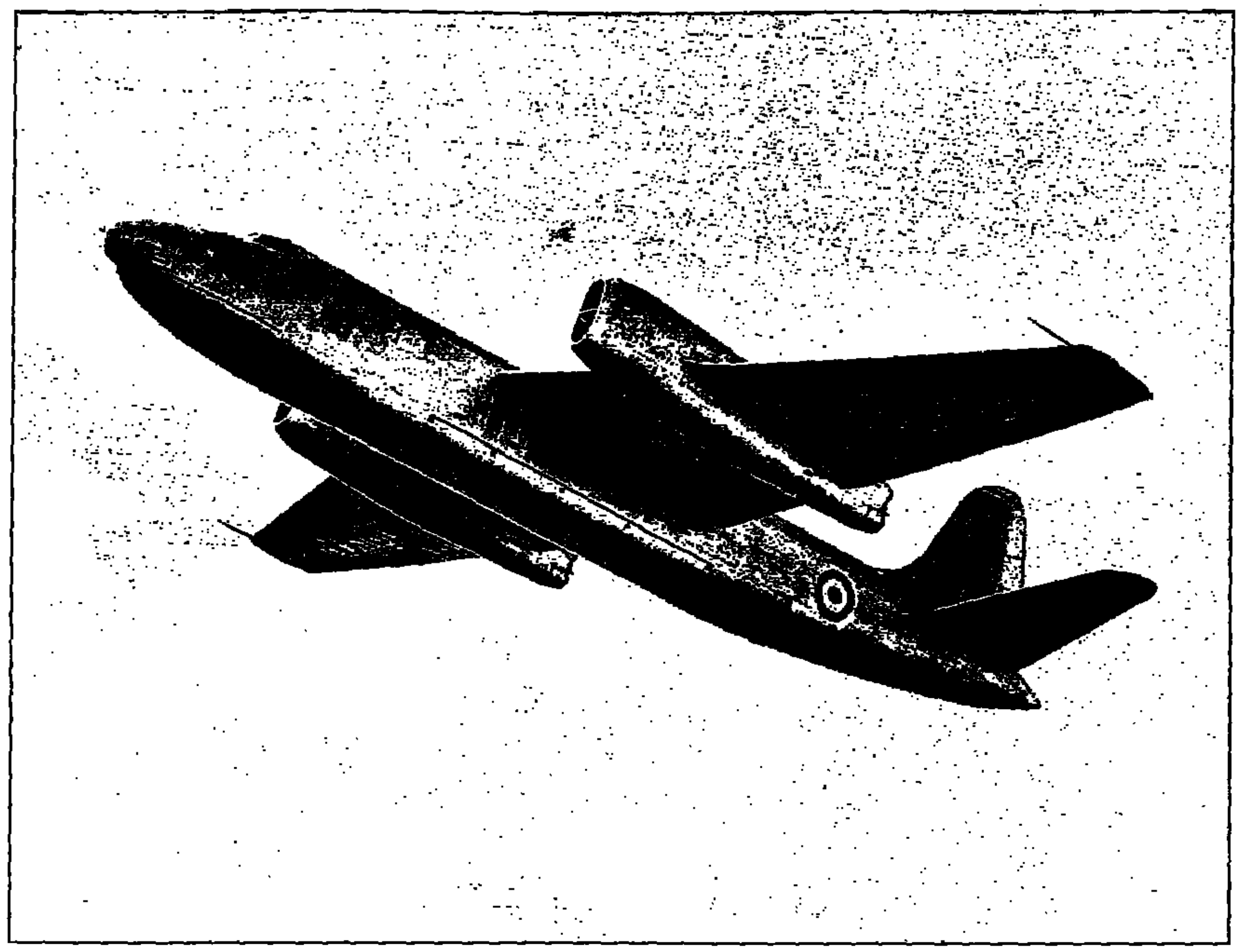

David Keith-Lucas and the no-frills Short SA4 jet bomber which first flew in 1951

David Keith-Lucas, CBE, aeronautical engineer and Professor of Aircraft Design, Cranfield Institute of Technology, 1965-72, died on April 6 aged 86. He was born on March 25, 1911.

In a design career which took him from wartime piston-engined aircraft to the supersonic jet age and vertical take-off, David Keith-Lucas was associated with some of British aviation's most innovative projects. One of the earliest of what might be called the second generation of British aviation scientists, he was at the head of design, technical development and research at the Belfast-based aircraft company Short Brothers and Harland from the late 1940s until the mid-1960s.

During the war he had worked on the Sunderland flying boat and the Stirling heavy bomber. But it was in the postwar period, when the company was venturing into the jet age, that he was in charge of producing some of its most striking aircraft. These ranged from the 500 mph SA4 four-engined jet bomber of 1951, a no-frills, but workmanlike design intended as insurance in case the advanced V-bomber programmes of Avro, Vickers and Handley Page should run into insurmountable problems.

Thereafter he was in the forefront of research experiments on the swept wing, which eventually gave Britain its first truly supersonic fighter. Finally, he was involved in the work on vertical takeoff which ultimately led to the Harrier jump-jet.

His father, Keith Lucas was a Fellow of the Royal Society, who had joined the Royal Aircraft Factory, Farnborough, before the First World War and the Royal Flying Corps in 1915. He was killed in action in the following year.

David Keith-Lucas was born at Fen Ditton, Cambridge, and educated at Gresham's School, Holt, and Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he took his degree in the Engineering Tripos. In 1933 he was apprenticed to C. A. Parsons of Newcastle, graduating to the company's design team in 1935.

From there, in 1939, he joined Short Brothers, then based at Rochester. There he worked on the development of the Sunderland flying boat — Short's most famous contribution to the war effort — as well as on other flying boats, the Seaford and the Shetland. He was also involved with the Stirling, which, if not the most successful of the RAF's wartime triumvirate of four-engined heavy bombers, was the first to go into squadron service.

He then submitted a Short Brothers aircraft design to the Brabazon committee for a four-engine, pressurised, airliner with a two-deck "double-bubble" fuselage. It was adjudged by the Air Ministry to be too advanced for its day.

Appointed chief designer in 1949 at the age of 38, he moved with Short Brothers from Rochester to Belfast where he was responsible for the company's final flying-boat projects. These were a 250-ton SA8 for North Atlantic air services and at the other end of the scale, the little Short SA6 Sealand five-passenger, twin engine, commercial amphibian, a handsome design but not an aircraft which was likely to be commercially viable. Nevertheless, a dozen of them found service in the export market.

By then, Short Brothers and Keith-Lucas were well into the emerging jet era. Their design for a four-jet bomber, ordered by the Air Ministry, was a simple, relatively uncomplicated replacement for the piston-engined Avro Lincoln, and was intended to plug a gap, should the ambitious V-bomber programmes run into serious problems.

The resulting Short SA4 made its first flight at Aldergrove on August 10, 1951. The two of these large, 564 mph aircraft which were built were used for valuable engine development trials. But with the success of the V-bombers the SA4s were scrapped in 1958.

Meanwhile, the Short SB5, a single-jet, swept-wing aircraft was being built for experiments with various degrees of sweep and first flew on December 2, 1952. Its test flights provided valuable data over a wide range of speeds and led to the Mach 2 English Electric Lightning, an aircraft which, at a stroke, more than doubled the top speed of RAF fighters when it went into service from late 1959 onwards.

Keith-Lucas remained at Shorts until 1965, as, successively, chief designer, technical director and director of research. During this time a number of important aerodynamic and structural research and development programmes were completed for the Air Ministry. These included the Keith-Lucas/Geoffrey Hill "aero-isoclinic wing" as a basis for the improved performance and integrity of swept wings generally, in supersonic flight.

In 1955 Keith-Lucas was in the forefront of another historic development — Vertical Take Off and Landing (VTOL) — carrying on from the the experimental Rolls-Royce "Flying Bedstead". Two small Short SC1s were built for this task with wedged-shaped wings, each with one propulsion and one lift engine.

A first hover-flight was made by Tom Brooke-Smith on May 23, 1958. Successful transition from level flight to vertical descent and climb followed on April 6, 1960 after a conventional take-off. This technical achievement was hampered in its further development by drastic cuts in expenditure from the Treasury. But it formed the basis from which the Hawker P1127 was successfully developed into the production Harrier between 1961 and 1968.

During his 17 years in Northern Ireland, Keith-Lucas combined his technical work for Short & Harland with devotion to higher education. He served for ten years on the Senate and board of curators of the Queen's University of Belfast and became chairman of the board of governors of Belfast College of Technology.

He published two books, *The Shape of Wings to Come* (1952) and *The Challenge of Vertical Take-off* (lectures to the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, 1961-62). As their titles suggest, they reflected his continuing concern with the potential of aviation design.

He left Shorts in 1965 to become Professor of Aircraft Design at the College of Aeronautics, Cranfield. He was chairman of the Cranfield Institute of Technology from 1971 to 1976 and first pro-chancellor, 1970-73. Appointed a member of the Air Registration Board in 1967, he became its chairman, 1972-82.

Among his other services were his membership of the Roskill Commission of Inquiry into the Third London Airport, 1968-70. President of the Royal Aeronautical Society in 1968-69, he was awarded the society's Gold Medal for Aeronautics in 1975. He had been appointed CBE in 1973.

In his later years he lived at Olney, Buckinghamshire, where he delighted in his house, his library, vintage cars and in sailing small boats.

Keith-Lucas married Dorothy De Bauduy Robertson in 1942; they had two sons and a daughter. His wife died in 1979 and in 1981 he married his second wife Phyllis. She and the children of his first marriage survive him. David Keith-Lucas's younger brother Bryan, former Professor of Government at Kent University, died last November.

CANON FRANK COLQUHOUN

Canon Frank Colquhoun, former Principal of the Southwark Ordination Course, died on April 3 aged 87. He was born on October 28, 1909.

ALTHOUGH he was a residentiary canon of two cathedrals — first Southwark and then Norwich (of which he eventually became vice-dean) — Frank Colquhoun's greatest contribution to the Church of England was probably made during the dozen years he was closely associated with the Southwark Ordination Course.

Conceived by Bishop John Robinson as a way of breaking out of the mould of normal theological training, this pioneering non-residential course was intended from the outset to straddle frontiers both of sex and sectarianism: women students, at that stage aspiring to be no more than deaconesses, were welcomed and so were prospective ministers of both the Methodist and the United Reformed Churches.

The faculty was no less comprehensive than the students. By selecting a High Churchman Canon Stanley Evans as the first Principal and a leading Evangelical Frank Colquhoun as his deputy, the newly-appointed, radical Bishop of Southwark, Mervyn Stockwood, deliberately served notice that the old partisan lines of Church politics would have no place in this particular training scheme.

The effort to embrace a spirit of "inclusiveness" was one of the project's successes. When Stanley Evans, a well-known socialist, was killed on his way to a CND rally in 1966, Frank Colquhoun — as much a contrast in secular politics as in ecclesiastcal ones — was chosen by Stockwood to become Principal in his place. Not a ripple surfaced to disturb the ecumenical calm of what was still very much a novel experiment.

But then Colquhoun was unrepresentative of most of today's Evangelicals — and certainly far removed from those who have banded together to form such militant organisations as Reform — in being essentially a conciliator by nature. The son of a Low Church parson, he attended Warwick School before going to Durham University, where he graduated LTh in 1932 and BA in 1933.

He was made deacon in 1933, serving his title at St Faith's, Maidstone. In 1935 he moved to Christ Church, New Malden, one of the Evangelical power-houses of the Southwark diocese. Just before the outbreak of war in 1939 he was appointed vicar of St Michael and All Angels in Blackheath Park, a parish which suffered heavily in the bombings of 1940-42, and again from the V1 and V2 raids of 1944-45. Soon after the war ended, he left parochial work to become editorial secretary of the National Church League and editor of *The Churchman*, twin roles which opened doors for the later exercise of his literary gifts.

After a brief spell as editorial secretary of the World Evangelical Alliance, a post he combined with being priest-in-charge of Christ Church, Woburn Square, Bloomsbury, Colquhoun was in 1954 invited to return to the Southwark diocese to become vicar of the prosperous parish of Wallington, where he stayed until 1961.

An honorary canon of Southwark since 1959, he was in 1961 appointed to a residentiary canonry in order to provide a stipend for his work with the ordination course. He remained on the staff of Southwark Cathedral, becoming successively precentor and chancellor, until he moved to Norwich in 1973. He retired to Bexhill in 1978.

Next to his 12 years with the Southwark Ordination Course, Colquhoun's most notable achievement lay in the writing of some thirty practical books intended to help clergy with their ministry, and to guide laity in their prayers. He was closely associated with Billy Graham's early missions to Britain, publishing an admiring account of the controversial Harringay one of 1954.

Perhaps his own best known devotional works are to be found in his trilogy, *Parish Prayers* (1967), *Contemporary Parish Prayers* (1975) and *New Parish Prayers* (1982): each ran to many impressions, and copies are still used by clergy of all traditions and denominations. His pioneering role in ordination training and his contributions to liturgical literature, were recognised in 1994 — belatedly in the view of many — by Archbishop George Carey conferring on him the Cross of St Augustine.

In 1934 Frank Colquhoun married Dora Slater, who died in 1971. He is survived by their son and daughter and by his second wife, Judy Kenney, whom he married in 1973.

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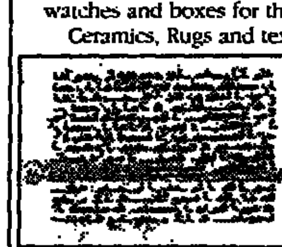

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Laxmishanker Pathak, businessman, died on March 31 aged 72. He was born in India on March 5, 1925.

A REFUGEE of Kenya's Mau Mau terrorists, Laxmishanker Pathak arrived in Britain in 1956 with just £5 in his pocket. Only 20 years later he was head of one of the most successful privately owned businesses in Britain, commanding annual profits of £2½ million.

Patak's (the 'h' was dropped in the company's name) is one of the world's largest producer of Indian-style curry pastes and chutneys. Using blends of spices created from secret recipes passed down through his family, Pathak helped to create the nation's taste for Indian food. His products flavour the dishes of 90 per cent of Britain's Indian restaurants.

Laxmishanker Gopalji Pathak was born to poor parents in a rural village in India. When he was still a child, his family emigrated to Kenya where they set up in business selling samosas and sweetmeats to the burgeoning Indian community there.

Although the Kenyan Mau Mau insurrections had effectively ceased by the end of 1956, it was in that year that Pathak decided to move his family to England. Settling in Kentish Town he began to look for work but, disillusioned that the only job offered to him was drain-cleaning for Camden Council, he decided to set up his own business creating the same sort of sweets and savouries that he had done in Kenya.

His beginnings were modest. His family all played a part. They helped to make the delicacies in the kitchen of their rented house, the children setting to work once they had returned home from school. As his business gradually grew Pathak was able to buy shops to sell his wares, first in Euston in 1958 and then another in Bayswater in 1961.

Keen for his family to do well, he decided to invest in private education for his two eldest sons, sending them to a boarding school run by Irish nuns. The boys were quickly withdrawn, however, when one of them announced to his devout Hindu parents that he was considering becoming Pope.

In 1962 the family moved to Northamptonshire where they set up a factory in a converted mill in Brackley. They expanded their output, adding pickles and chutneys to their sales list.

At one point towards the end of the 1960s, mismanagement in various sales outlets caused a severe drop in turnover and Pathak was almost bankrupted. He turned to his family for help, installing his younger son, Kirit, as the manager of the Golders Green shop in London. His son sacrificed a place on a business studies degree course, but was unable to turn around the fortunes of the branch and eventually returned to the factory in Brackley.

But in the early 1970s the family's fortunes improved. Thousands of Asian refugees had come to England to escape from Idi Amin's Uganda. Pathak persuaded the council to let him supply food to the refugee camps and in return circulated leaflets, written in various Indian languages, detailing practical tips for the refugees about to start a new life in England.

The investment proved a sound one. As the immigrants settled and started up shops and restaurants, many of them used Patak's as their main supplier. The company grew rapidly and in 1978 the family moved once more, this time to their current base in Wigan.

Pathak increasingly left the running of the business to his son, Kirit. But he remained active in other areas. In 1988 he set up the Pathak Charitable Foundation, to promote the health and education of the underprivileged in his native India and in other developing countries.

He is survived by his wife, Shanta Gaury, and by their four sons and two daughters. Kirit Pathak is the current chairman and chief executive of the company.

ON THIS DAY

April 15, 1794

The Royalty Theatre in East London was opened in 1787 despite strong opposition from the existing theatres — Drury Lane and Covent Garden. In 1826 it burnt down, reopening as the Brunswick in 1858; three days later it collapsed, killing 15 people.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

MONDAY, APRIL 14

ROYALTY THEATRE

Mr. *Mainwaring* moved for leave to bring in a Bill, to enable his Majesty to license as a Playhouse, during the summer season, a Theatre, commonly called the Royalty Theater (*sic*), in Wellclose-square.

When the Question was put on this Motion, Mr. *Sheridan* begged leave to say a few words on the occasion. He hoped the House would not do any thing in this business without considering the nature of the property of the two Theatres of Drury-Lane and Covent-Garden, that were already established. They would attend to the mischiefs that might arise by this Bill putting into a Law. A Theatre had formerly been erected in Wellclose-square contrary to Law. Those who were concerned had been severely censured by the Court of the King's Bench, and the Proprietors of the two Theatres had been put to the expence of 2800l. by different suits at law.

With regard to the general question, whether there should not be a third Theatre for the accommodation of the City, this was not an application from the City. If the City wanted a Theatre, they would wish to have it under their own jurisdiction and he was sure the City would not first build a Theatre, contrary to the Law, and then come to that House.

Mr. *Mainwaring* said, the Citizens of London had a right to the same conveniences with the Inhabitants of the West end of the town. He has brought this business before the House for its full consideration. He wished evidence to be given in the Committee, of the sense of the People in that quarter of the city: from which it would appear, whether they were for or against it.

Mr. *Cawthorne* saw no reason why leave should not be granted to bring in this Bill. The Petition was subscribed by a number of very respectable men. He did not know the parties, but thinking impartially on the subject, he could see no good reason why this subject should not be fully investigated; and he was not afraid of giving it as his opinion, that that part of the town had a right to be benefited with Amusements of the same nature with the Inhabitants of Westminster.

Mr. *Whitbread* said, he wished only to state one fact on this subject, which was, that the Magistrates of that quarter were exceedingly averse to this Bill.

Mr. Secretary *Dundas* said, he had had the strongest representations from the Magistrates of that quarter of the City, who were most respectable Gentlemen, stating their objections to this Bill; and he had no difficulty in saying, that from these representations, in which he had the most complete confidence, he should oppose Bill.

Sir *Francis Baring* said, the Citizens of London, all around Wellclose-square, were extremely busily engaged in their manufactories and commerce, and it seemed to him as absurd to introduce a Bill for a Theatre in that quarter, as it would be to introduce idleness and dissipation into a bee-hive.

The question was here put on the motion, which was negatived *nem.con.*

FLORA LONDON MARATHON

Runners up to 3 hours, 49 minutes, 56 secs

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The Times continues its coverage of the 1997 Flora London Marathon with the names of the competitors who finished inside 3 hours, 49 minutes and 56 seconds. The results are provided by Unisys, official suppliers of computers to the race. The names and times of other finishers will be continued tomorrow.

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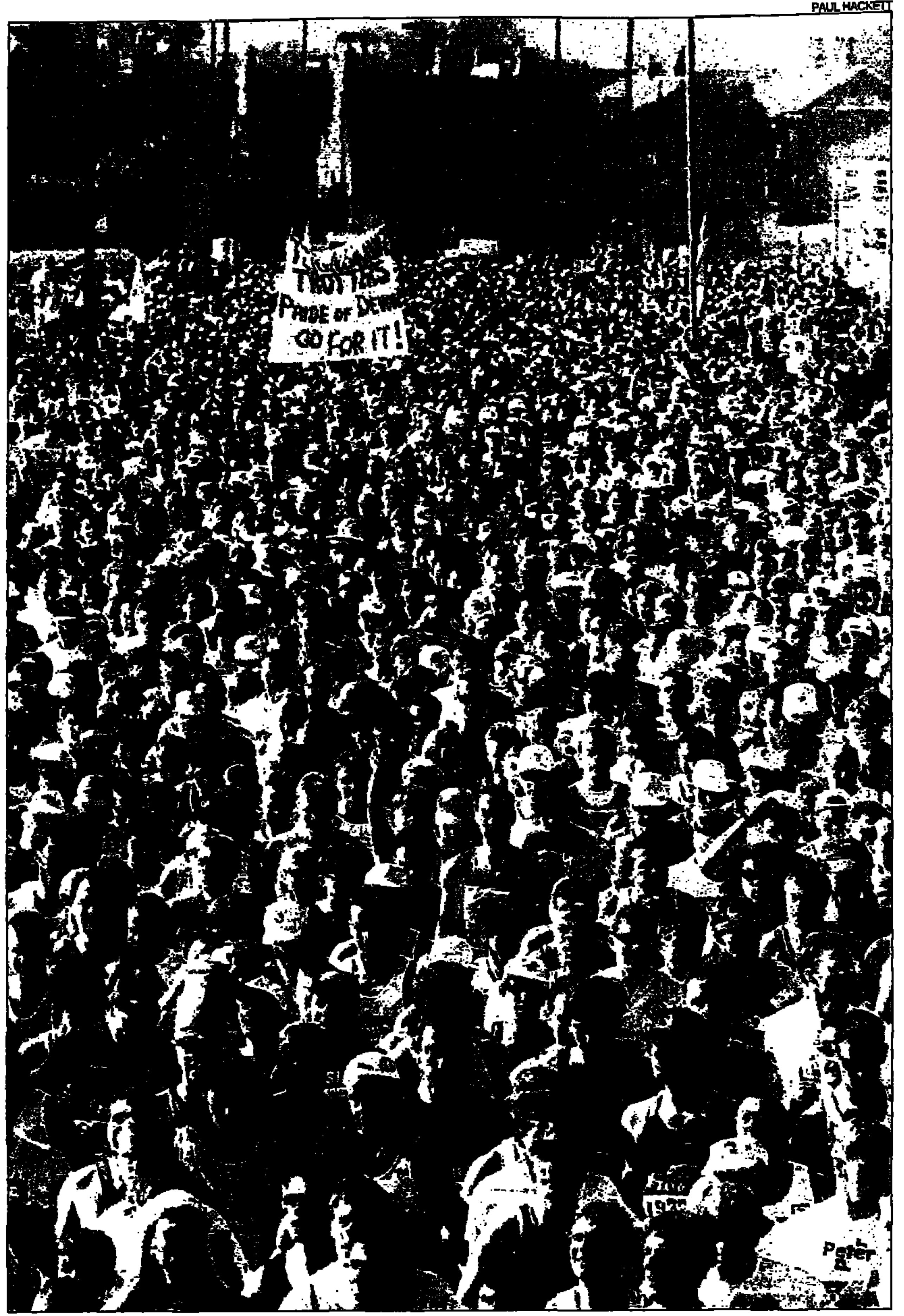

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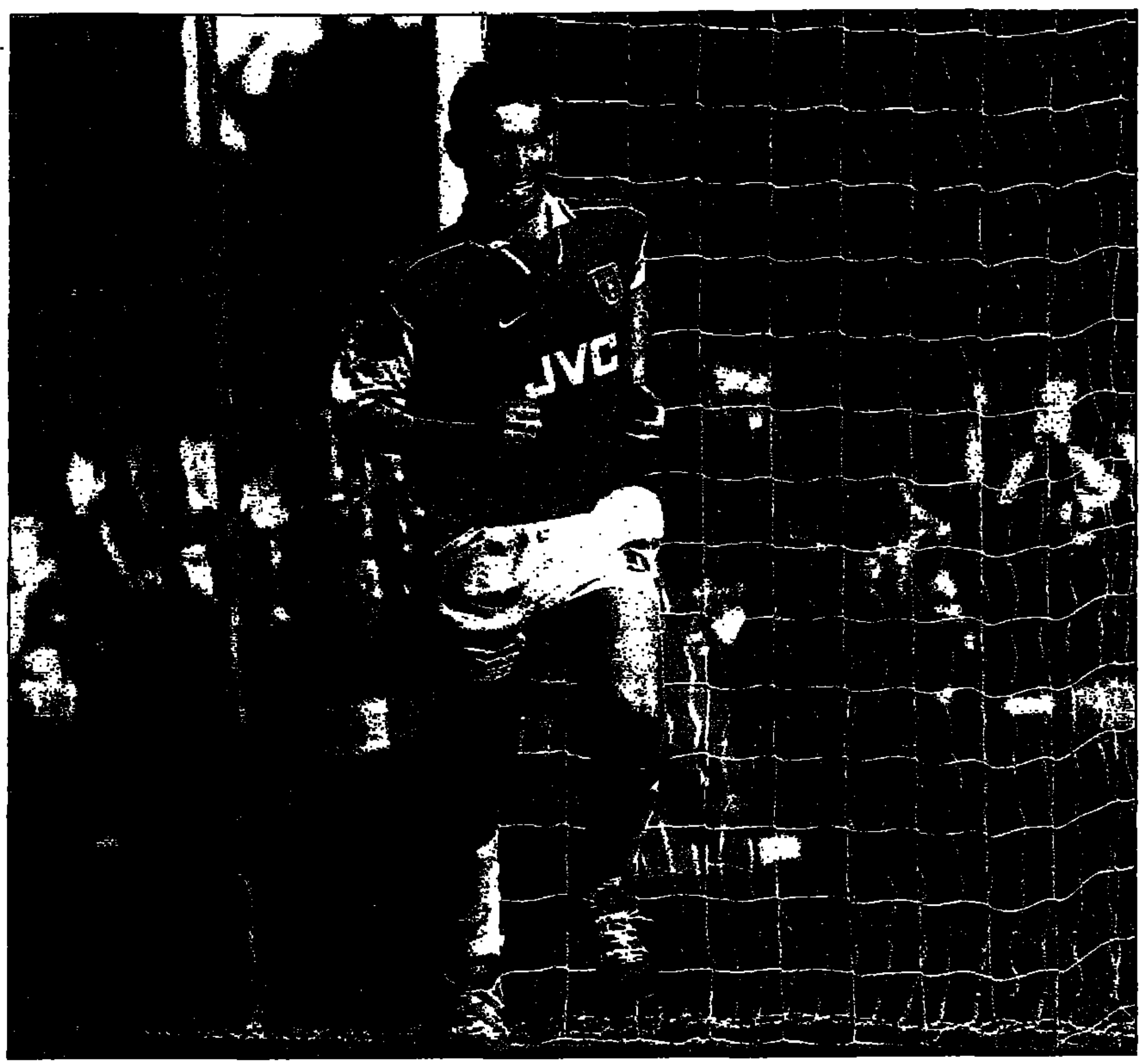

With seven points over the past week, Adams was the most valuable central defender in ITF. But was he in your team?

THE FA Cup semi-finals provided their fair share of footballing drama on Sunday, but the FA Carling Premiership title race has hardly caught the imagination yet this season.

In Interactive Team Football, however, there is an ever-changing presence at the head of the competition. Four out of the leading five selectors have led the overall game during the past two months, and all of them are still very much in contention for the £50,000 prize.

This week, Mr P. Turner, from St Helier, Jersey, takes his turn at the top. Mr Turner, with his team Turner's Earners 5, has scored 736 points, benefiting this week from the goals of Ravanelli and Zola, among others. With five weeks of the season to go, the fixture logjam that has made the headlines in recent days may also contribute substantially to the ultimate destination of the ITF title.

The winner of the £250 weekly prize is Miss L. Emery, from south London, with her team Buggsy's Boys, who garnered 42 points over the week — and she presciently included both the Chelsea goalscorers in Zola and Mark Hughes.

Miss Emery's team is:

Goalkeeper
N Martyn (Leeds)

Full backs
S I Bjornebye (Liverpool)
L Dixon (Arsenal)

Central defenders
S Bould (Arsenal)
D Wetherall (Leeds)

Midfield players
M Gayle (Wimbledon)
Juninho (Middlesbrough)
M Pembridge (Sheffield Wed)
R Winters (Dundee Utd)

Strikers
M Hughes (Chelsea)
G Zola (Chelsea)

Manager
D Pleat (Sheffield Wed)

Although the transfer deadline in the real world has passed, you can use the ITF transfer system, which allows you to change up to two players each week and to adjust your team.

You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the **0891 866 968** line during the times given. From outside the United Kingdom, you must call **0044 990 200 668.**

When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes — the overall £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

☐ ***All Interactive Team Football transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be made on 01582 488 122.***

LOANED PLAYERS

N Gudmundsson (Blackburn to Ipswich, one week); B O'Neil (Celtic to Nottingham Forest, one week); J Lee (Nottingham Forest to Grimsby, until end of season); S Blatherwick (Nottingham Forest to Reading, until end of season); D Wassall (Derby to Birmingham, until end of season); S Flynn (Derby to Stoke, until end of season); M Williams (Sheffield Wednesday to Peterborough, until end of season) *Loan periods subject to fluctuation*

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POINTS SCORED

Goalkeeper		**Striker**	
Keeps clean sheet*	4pts	Scores goal	2pts
Scores goal	3pts	**All players**	
Saves penalty	1pt	Appearance†	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Scores hat-trick	6pts
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	**Manager**	
Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player		Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scores goal	2pts		

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper		Booked	1pt
Concedes goal	2pts	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal	1pt
All players		***Manager***	
Sent off	3pts	Team loses	1pt

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match

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You may only make transfers in one team per telephone call. If you have entered two teams and want to make transfers in both, you must make two separate calls.

You may transfer two (but no more than two) individuals (two players or one player and a manager) during a transfer week. A player being transferred out must be replaced by one from the same category and you must keep to the team format of a goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. You must not exceed the £35 million budget and have no more than two individuals from the same club. Incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form.

The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after noon will become effective for matches played after noon on the following day.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You must adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

Calls will be charged at 50p per minute. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.

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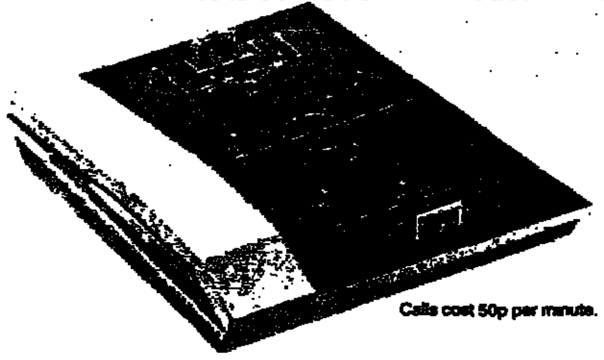
Club ____

FIND OUT HOW YOUR TEAM IS DOING



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THE LEADING 250 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL GAME

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	Turner's Earners 5	(P Turner)	736
2	Edmo Utd	(D Edmondson)	727
3	Sophie And Sam	(G Foster)	723
4	Jones Boys Three	(M Jones)	714
5=	John Hunt Taunton D	(J Hunt)	707
5=	Nobby 4	(J Brown)	707
7=	Brain's Team	(B Howes)	700
7=	Nobby 32	(J Brown)	700
9	John Hunt Taunton H	(J Hunt)	698
10	AB 4	(A Boyland)	697
11=	Turner's Earners 3	(P Turner)	696
11=	Nobby	(J Brown)	696
13	Dour Rangers 3	(I Clayton)	693
14	Nonchalant AFC 3	(R J Ward)	688
15	Pin Ups Two	(P Tusler)	686
16=	Daggers	(V Cox)	684
16=	Nobby 11	(J Brown)	684
18	Bob's Boys 2	(R Calder)	683
19=	12 Angry Men	(D Cook)	682
19=	Nobby 33	(J Brown)	682
21=	John Hunt Taunton G	(J Hunt)	681
21=	Nobby 29	(J Brown)	681
23	Nobby 22	(J Brown)	677
24	Nobby 21	(J Brown)	676
25	Turner's Earners 1	(P Turner)	675
26=	Icarus	(B Wells)	674
26=	Noah's Ark	(G P Dolan)	674
28	Beeston Celtic	(B McGivern)	672
29	Jabberwocky	(P A Amoss)	671
30	A	(M Corless)	668
31	Partick Bilbao 3	(J Hamilton)	666
32	Blythe Spartans	(T Blythe)	665
33	Jones Boys Eight	(M Jones)	664
34=	Turner's Earners 6	(P Turner)	661
34=	Nobby 23	(J Brown)	661
36	Uni Boys Utd 1	(B Gardiner)	660
37=	Bladerunners	(P Walters)	659
37=	Hunter's Mob	(C Hunter)	659
39	ABC	(M Baber)	658
40	Inter The Pub	(M Ward)	657
41	Bob's Boys 4	(R Calder)	656
42=	Inter The Stand	(M Ward)	655
42=	Where's Ray Gone?	(P Fromm)	655
42=	BCFC 1996	(J Bithell)	655
45	Jones Boys Sky	(M Jones)	654
46=	Turner's Earners 4	(P Turner)	653
46=	Midfield Magic	(J Pregon)	653
48=	Scholes For Goals	(K Booth)	652
48=	Tur	(P Turner)	652
50	Krystonia 2	(S Roberts)	650
51=	Storm	(P Mills)	649
51=	Thom Foolery FC	(M Horan)	649
53=	Jan 2	(J Clayton)	648
53=	Garforth Seahawks	(I Doughty)	648
55=	Teddy Three	(B Bear)	647
55=	John Hunt Taunton F	(J Hunt)	647
57=	Bonky Boys	(R Crook)	644
57=	Nobby 12	(J Brown)	644
59	JJB Sports	(A Bates)	643
60=	Elsinore United	(P Leader)	642
60=	Misfits	(R Lockyer)	642
60=	Nobby 7	(J Brown)	642
63	Tulip's Tops	(D Tulip)	640
64=	Caroline B	(A Luckhurst)	639
64=	Waternish FC	(M Kirkwood)	639
64=	John Hunt Taunton C	(J Hunt)	639
67=	Orvieto Classico	(J Bradshaw)	638
67=	1970 Jr FC	(J Ross)	638
67=	Club18-30 Tossa	(A Robson)	638
70=	Team C	(A Lone)	637
70=	Always Portugal 1	(V Guimaraes)	637
70=	Afc	(M Baber)	637
70=	Nobby 25	(J Brown)	637
74=	Mean Machine	(P Ford)	636
74=	Ball Watchers	(J Murray)	636
76=	You're Not Very Well	(R Laskowski)	635
76=	Set Against Cys	(S Shipley)	635
76=	Gestalt	(R Rowe)	635
76=	Inter The Unknown	(P Barnett)	635
80=	Inter The Wallet	(M Ward)	634
80=	Joking	(P Fallen)	634
80=	John Hunt Taunton E	(J Hunt)	634
80=	Nobby 14	(J Brown)	634
84=	Jones Boys One	(M Jones)	633
84=	Raj Is Back To Kill 5	(R Gohil)	633
84=	Concrete Banana	(S Mingle)	633
84=	Bob's Boys 3	(R Calder)	633
88=	Bad Time Boys	(R Crook)	632
88=	PJ Thistle	(R Newbould)	632
90=	Simba's Dream	(C A Kitchen)	631
90=	Irwin's Best	(L Sampson)	631
92=	Born Losers	(P Farkins)	630
92=	Def Con 3	(M Peck)	630
92=	Nobby 5	(J Brown)	630
92=	Nobby 20	(J Brown)	630
96	Nobby J	(J Brown)	629
97	Glen Duffers	(S Wilson)	627
98=	Murray's Mates	(D Anderson)	626
98=	Brainbows United	(G Weiss)	626
98=	Bob's Boys 1	(R Calder)	626
101=	Murray's Magicians	(M MacMillan)	625
101=	Caroline D	(A Luckhurst)	625
101=	Raj Is Back To Kill 6	(R Gohil)	625
101=	The Dummies 1	(D Shiels)	625
105=	Enid Four	(J Feather)	624
105=	Langton Longballs	(M Ward)	624
107=	PJB Rovers	(P J Butler)	623
107=	Farr Academicals	(A Kirkwood)	623
109=	No Midfield	(J B Portwood)	622
109=	Bob's Boys 5	(R Calder)	622
111=	DJS 2	(D Senton)	621
111=	Alice	(I Pigeon)	621
111=	Neil Madrid	(N Ratcliffe)	621
111=	AJK	(K Hughes)	621
115=	Caught Lucky	(C Wright)	620
115=	Top Banana	(M Bottomley)	620
115=	Vet3	(K Howson)	620
118=	Bubwith Utd 5	(M Larcombe)	619
118=	Mars FC	(M Baber)	619
118=	A2	(K Farhall)	619
121=	Ebbey's 1st XI	(S Baldrick)	618
121=	Agapanthus FC	(W Heslop)	618
121=	Kinky Imports	(S Fraser)	618
121=	Infinity George	(M Robson)	618
125=	Porcelain Dogs	(A Ibison)	617
125=	Man City Free Zone	(D Ingham)	617
127=	Enid 2	(J Hagger)	616
127=	Cookie's Gunners	(S Cook)	616
127=	NST Monkstone	(J Staszkiewicz)	616
130=	Sam Shanks	(S Shankar)	615
130=	Inter The Bin	(M Ward)	615
130=	Doppelgangersutd	(J Whaling)	615
130=	Nobby 34	(J Brown)	615
130=	Skyforest	(A Burton)	615
135	Star Chamber	(M MacMillan)	614
136	Vat1	(K Howson)	613
137=	Byzantine Bricks	(S Houghton)	612
137=	Caroline C	(S A Luckhurst)	612
137=	Billy No Mates XI	(M Bremner)	612
140=	Gangsters	(A Lone)	611
140=	Bunnet Bhoys	(A Sharpe)	611
142=	The Far Side	(C Hadfield)	610
142=	C U O K	(G Weiss)	610
144=	Layton's Lions 7	(R Layton)	609
144=	Mmm Fantasy Leaguers	(M Madden)	609
144=	Bob Hope And No Hope	(T Blythe)	609
147=	Wingless Wonders	(P Paynter)	608
147=	Robxteam2	(R Preston)	608
149=	Mapflappers	(P Reid)	607
149=	Fendon United	(E Cowen)	607
149=	Grafton Willows	(R J Brown)	607
149=	Goaldiggers	(D Curzon)	607
149=	Animals	(L Clark)	607
149=	LFC Champs 9697	(B Fazakerley)	607
155=	Patel One	(P Patel)	606
155=	Northern Lights	(C Wright)	606
155=	Buggie Newvies	(D Banks)	606
155=	I Hate Alan Hansen	(V Cox)	606
159=	Shot On Sight 2	(P Goldstraw)	604
159=	JS August Monthly 1	(J Swirles)	604
159=	Das Boot	(D A Sutton)	604
159=	Holstenites	(D Blair)	604
159=	Supersubs	(I Taylor)	604
159=	S Gill Taunton A	(S Gill)	604
165=	JD 3	(J Donaldson)	603
165=	RKV 3	(C Vanezis)	603
165=	Diplomatic Risk	(G Prichard)	603
165=	Inter Outers	(R Johnson)	603
165=	Sucharits	(R Keenan)	603
165=	The Winners VW	(V Wadhwa)	603
165=	Lloydy's Barge	(D Goodwin)	603
165=	Xpat Missiles	(M Jackson)	603
173=	It's About Revenge C	(R Gohil)	602
173=	Real Ale Ripon	(C Blackshaw)	602
173=	The Loggers	(C Wright)	602
176=	Grimmers Army	(S Gray)	601
176=	Come On You Rocks	(no name)	601
176=	Sad & Grim Team	(J Swain)	601
176=	Best Defence	(J Pregon)	601
176=	Kingsbury Tn 1	(D F King)	601
181=	Dave's First XI	(D Quibell)	600
181=	Schoko Zoo	(P Roach)	600
181=	Daniels Selshans	(V Cox)	600
181=	Lesley's Legmen	(L Michaelis)	600
185	Lynne's Lions	(L Hiorns)	599
186=	Davsio Unt 1	(D Sloan)	598
186=	Totted Five	(E Kisby)	598
186=	Airstir	(I Fyfe)	598
189=	Alancia FC	(A Stilliano)	597
189=	Back In Bristol	(D Stone)	597
189=	Caroline A	(A Luckhurst)	597
189=	Demolition Men	(J Murray)	597
189=	What Ford Splash	(N P Lewis)	597
189=	Foxy	(M Fox)	597
189=	Drabx5	(D Edbrookestainer)	597
196=	Bung Hol	(G Watson)	596
196=	Yahboysir	(G Davidson)	596
196=	Dutch Courage	(R van Ruitenbeek)	596
199=	Bacardi Boys	(M Woodley)	595
199=	Papadopoulos Utd	(A Papadopoulos)	595
199=	Triple Top Tan	(P Bailey)	595
199=	Dicksees Tigers	(T Rawlings)	595
199=	Rubella	(T Wylie)	595
199=	Dodds Aces	(C Dodd)	595
205=	The Instructors	(K Cunion)	594
205=	Purple Rain	(B Gohil)	594
205=	Buggsy's Boys	(L Emery)	594
205=	Lager Space FC	(D Mayall)	594
209=	Wassack	(M Hugill)	593
209=	Tungston Town	(J W George)	593
211=	Hammy's Heroes	(G Howard)	592
211=	Hisham's Haggis	(H A Rahim)	592
211=	Roberts-Team 1	(M Roberts)	592
211=	Dwyer's Tipsters	(J Dwyer)	592
211=	Havok	(P Williamson)	592
211=	Hannah's Heroes	(C Bennett)	592
211=	Ajaxpool	(C Strachan)	592
211=	Nellie's Heroes	(I Fox)	592
211=	The Dansters	(C C Vevers)	592
220=	Scotitalia United	(S Goff)	591
220=	Crooky Boys	(R Crook)	591
220=	Jack's Nightmare	(N J Lane)	591
220=	St Bartholomews	(J M Bartholomew)	591
220=	March Pass	(M McGovern)	591
220=	Fortune Hunters	(K Farhall)	591
220=	John Hunt Taunton A	(J Hunt)	591
227=	We Have No Bananas	(C Hall)	590
227=	EJK's Unleashed	(E J Kitchen)	590
227=	Nomates	(C Wilson)	590
227=	Zendo FC	(S Kirkwood)	590
227=	Delilah	(I Kelson)	590
232=	4 4 2	(K Browne)	589
232=	No Help From Dad FC	(A du Gay)	589
232=	Old Cameronians	(R J Brown)	589
232=	Football Junkies	(J Melling)	589
232=	John Hunt Taunton B	(J Hunt)	589
237=	Geoff's Geezers II	(G W Jordan)	588
237=	Flying Pigs	(M Macmillan)	588
237=	Sooty's Puppets II	(E G Ryan)	588
237=	Transgenic Eagles	(R Clutterbuck)	588
237=	Skyline Sizzlers	(T Gordon)	588
237=	Yess	(M Baber)	588
237=	Mercury 2	(D Attwood)	588
244=	Laughing Gravy	(D Clarke)	587
244=	Overpaid Overhere	(P F Davis)	587
244=	Raj Is Back To Kill 7	(R Gohil)	587
244=	Ravn's Dream Team	(M Ravn)	587
244=	Dynamo Hibs	(S Miller)	587
244=	Oct95-ITF Champ!	(M Sladden)	587
250	JS August Monthly 2	(J Swirles)	586

The ITF players, their points and their values if you are considering the transfer option

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				Wk	Ov
10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-12
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	0	-14
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	+5	+40
10202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.75	0	0
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	0	+1
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+24
10302	M Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00	+2	+20
10401	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+1	0
10402	S Given	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	+4
10501	G Marshall	Celtic	3.50	0	-1
10502	S Kerr	Celtic	3.00	-1	+26
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0	+10
10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00	0	-27
10603	F Grodas	Chelsea	3.00	0	-5
10701	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	-1	-33
10702	J Filan	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
10801	M Taylor	Derby County	1.00	0	-7
10802	R Hoult	Derby County	1.00	-2	-36
10804	M Poom	Derby County	1.00	+1	-2
10901	A Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50	0	+4
10902	L Key	Dundee United	0.50	0	-10
10903	S Dykstra	Dundee United	2.50	0	-4
11001	I Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50	-1	-55
11101	N Southall	Everton	2.50	+4	-25
11103	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	0	+1
11201	G Rousset	Hearts	2.00	+5	-3
11301	J Leighton	Hibernian	1.50	-1	-23
11401	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	-39
11501	M Beeney	Leeds United	1.50	0	+5
11502	P Evans	Leeds United	0.25	0	0
11503	N Martyn	Leeds United	2.50	+5	+35
11601	K Poole	Leicester City	1.00	0	-16
11603	K Keller	Leicester City	1.00	-4	-18
11701	D James	Liverpool	5.00	-1	+21
11702	A Warner	Liverpool	0.50	0	0
11703	J Nielsen	Liverpool	1.00	0	0
11801	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	0	+7
11802	R van der Gouw	Manchester United	1.00	-3	+2
11901	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-20
11903	B Roberts	Middlesbrough	1.50	-7	-4
11904	M Schwarzer	Middlesbrough	2.00	+1	-3
12001	S Howie	Motherwell	1.50	+5	-21
12101	S Hislop	Newcastle United	4.00	-1	-16
12102	P Srnicek	Newcastle United	3.00	0	0
12201	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	-49
12202	A Fettis	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	-2
12301	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	-9	-63
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	0	+29
12402	A Dibble	Rangers	3.50	0	+5
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	-2	+2
12502	M Clarke	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
12601	D Beasant	Southampton	1.00	0	-28
12602	N Moss	Southampton	0.25	0	+2
12604	M Taylor	Southampton	1.00	+4	+1
12702	L Perez	Sunderland	0.50	-3	-45
11803	A Coton	Sunderland	1.00	0	+9
12801	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	-4	-12
12802	E Baardsen	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
12901	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.00	+3	-23
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	-5	-1
13002	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.00	-3	-4

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				Wk	Ov
20101	S McKimmie	Aberdeen	2.00	0	+8
20201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	+4	+40
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	+4	+49
20301	S Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+39
20302	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	+5	+61
20303	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0	0
20305	F Nelson	Aston Villa	3.00	+2	+45
20401	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+2	+26
20402	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+2	+29
20403	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	+22
20404	G Croft	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+2
20501	J McNamara	Celtic	3.00	-1	+35
20502	T McKinlay	Celtic	3.00	-1	+19
20601	D Petrescu	Chelsea	3.00	0	+20
20602	S Clarke	Chelsea	2.00	+2	+7
20604	S Minto	Chelsea	1.00	-3	-6
20701	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	-8
20703	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	-9
20704	M Hall	Coventry City	1.00	0	+6
20801	C Powell	Derby County	1.50	-1	+6
20802	D Yates	Derby County	1.00	0	+4
20901	M Malpas	Dundee United	1.00	0	+51
20902	M Perry	Dundee United	0.50	0	+40
20903	N Duffy	Dundee United	0.50	0	+7
21001	C Miller	Dunfermline	0.25	0	-5
21002	A Tod	Dunfermline	0.25	-1	-11
21101	M Hottiger	Everton	2.50	0	-6
21102	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.00	0	+14
20603	T Phelan	Everton	2.00	+1	-1
21103	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	+4	+19
21201	G Locke	Hearts	2.00	+4	+25
21202	N Pointon	Hearts	1.00	+4	+24
21301	W Miller	Hibernian	1.00	0	+7
21302	A Dow	Hibernian	1.00	0	+12
21402	G MacPherson	Kilmarnock	0.50	0	-8
21501	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	+4	+43
21502	A Dorigo	Leeds United	2.50	+4	+14
21504	G Halle	Leeds United	1.00	+4	+33
21601	M Whitlow	Leicester City	0.50	-1	+5
21602	S Grayson	Leicester City	0.50	0	+11
21604	F Rolling	Leicester City	0.25	0	0
21701	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
21702	S Harkness	Liverpool	1.50	0	-1
21703	S I Bjornebye	Liverpool	0.50	0	+48
21801	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.00	0	+40
21802	G Neville	Manchester United	3.00	-1	+32
21803	P Neville	Manchester United	3.00	-2	0
21901	N Cox	Middlesbrough	2.50	0	-11
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-1
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.75	+2	+9
21905	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.25	+1	+10
21906	V Kinder	Middlesbrough	1.50	+1	+2
22002	S McMillan	Motherwell	0.50	+4	+6
22101	W Barton	Newcastle United	3.00	-1	+4
22102	S Watson	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+21
22103	R Elliott	Newcastle United	2.50	+3	+13
22104	J Beresford	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+7
22201	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0	+11
22202	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+5
22203	A I Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	+20
22204	N Jerkan	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	-4
22301	P Bonar	Raith Rovers	0.75	-3	-11
22302	D Kirkwood	Raith Rovers	0.50	-4	-11
22401	D Robertson	Rangers	2.50	0	+38
22402	J Brown	Rangers	2.00	0	0
22501	I Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+29
22502	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+2	+32
22503	S Nicol	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0	+11
22504	D Stefanovic	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	-1	+10
22505	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	+3
22601	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	-3	-7
22602	F Benali	Southampton	0.75	+4	-1
22603	S Charlton	Southampton	0.75	0	+4
22701	D Kubicki	Sunderland	0.50	-1	+5
22702	M Scott	Sunderland	0.50	0	+4
22703	G Hall	Sunderland	0.25	-1	+2
22704	J Eriksson	Sunderland	1.50	0	-1
22801	D Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	-1	+4
22802	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	+12
22803	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	-2	+12
22804	D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
22805	S Carr	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	-3
22901	J Dicks	West Ham United	4.00	0	+23
22902	T Breacker	West Ham United	1.00	0	+3
22903	K Rowland	West Ham United	1.00	-2	-4
22904	M Bowen	West Ham United	1.00	0	+2
23001	B Thatcher	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+9
23002	A Kimble	Wimbledon	0.75	-3	+11
23003	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	0.75	-2	+25
23004	D Jupp	Wimbledon	0.75	-2	0
23006	C Perry	Wimbledon	0.25	-3	+36

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts	
				Wk	Ov
30101	B Irvine	Aberdeen	2.00	0	-6
30102	C Woodthorpe	Aberdeen	1.50	+4	+3
30103	A Kombouare	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+3
30201	A Adams	Arsenal	4.00	+7	+43
30202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	+4	+41
30203	M Keown	Arsenal	3.00	+4	+50
30205	S Marshall	Arsenal	1.00	0	+14
30301	G Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50	+3	+37
30302	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.00	+3	+66
30305	R Scimeca	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+28
30401	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	+2	+32
30402	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+4	+4
30403	C Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	-3
30404	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	+4	+6
30501	T Boyd	Celtic	3.00	0	+29
30502	M MacKay	Celtic	1.50	0	+37
30503	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.50	0	+19
30504	B O'Neil	Celtic	3.00	0	+1
30505	E Annoni	Celtic	3.00	0	+4
30601	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	0	+1
30602	F Leboeuf	Chelsea	2.50	+2	+31
30603	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	+1	-3
30604	D Lee	Chelsea	2.00	0	+3
30605	A Myers	Chelsea	1.50	0	0
30606	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	+4	+15
30701	L Daish	Coventry City	2.00	0	+5
30702	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	0	+5
30704	G Breen	Coventry City	1.50	0	-1
30705	A Evtushok	Coventry City	1.50	0	+1
30801	I Stimac	Derby County	2.50	0	-10
30802	D Wassall	Derby County	1.00	0	0
30303	P McGrath	Derby County	2.50	0	-2
30803	J Laursen	Derby County	1.00	0	+10
30804	M Carbon	Derby County	0.50	0	-5
30901	S Pressley	Dundee United	1.00	0	+51
31001	M Millar	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-6
31002	I Den Bieman	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-17
31101	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	0	+16
31102	D Watson	Everton	2.50	+4	+15
31103	C Short	Everton	2.00	-1	+6
31201	D McPherson	Hearts	1.00	+4	+31
31202	P Ritchie	Hearts	1.00	+3	+35
31301	J McLaughlin	Hibernian	0.50	0	+7
30902	B Welsh	Hibernian	0.75	0	+9
31302	G Hunter	Hibernian	0.50	0	-3
32302	S Dennis	Hibernian	1.00	0	-19
31401	M Reilly	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	+7
31402	R Montgomerie	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	+8
31501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	2.50	+4	+35
31502	R Jobson	Leeds United	1.00	0	+2
31503	L Radebe	Leeds United	1.00	0	+23
31504	J Pemberton	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
31505	R Molenaar	Leeds United	2.00	0	+24
31601	S Walsh	Leicester City	1.00	0	+12
31602	J Watts	Leicester City	1.00	-2	+8
31603	P Kaamark	Leicester City	0.50	0	+6
31604	S Prior	Leicester City	1.00	-1	+2
31605	M Elliott	Leicester City	1.50	-2	+7
31701	P Babb	Liverpool	3.50	0	+24
31703	M Wright	Liverpool	3.50	0	+32
31704	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00	0	+14
31705	D Matteo	Liverpool	1.00	0	+26
31706	B T Kvarme	Liverpool	2.00	0	+5
31801	G Pallister	Manchester United	3.50	-1	+10
31802	D May	Manchester United	3.00	0	+34
31803	R Johnsen	Manchester United	2.50	-1	+21
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	+3
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	1.50	+2	-10
31903	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-10
31904	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	-4
31905	G Festa	Middlesbrough	1.50	+4	+8
32001	B Martin	Motherwell	1.50	+4	-4
32002	M van der Gaag	Motherwell	0.75	+4	+18
32101	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+18
32102	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+7
32103	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+17
32201	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+5
32202	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	+10
32203	S Blatherwick	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	-5
32303	D Craig	Raith Rovers	0.50	-4	-7
32304	G Mitchell	Raith Rovers	0.50	-4	-5
32401	R Gough	Rangers	3.50	0	+57
32402	A McLaren	Rangers	3.00	0	+19
32403	J Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50	0	+35
32404	G Petric	Rangers	2.50	0	+14
32501	J Newsome	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	0	+15
32502	D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	-1	+32
32503	B Linighan	Sheffield Wednesday	0.25	0	0
32601	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	0	-18
32602	A Neilson	Southampton	1.00	0	+3
32603	R Dryden	Southampton	0.50	0	-2
32604	C Lundekvam	Southampton	0.50	+4	0
32605	U van Gobbel	Southampton	1.50	+4	-15
32701	A Melville	Sunderland	1.00	0	+12
32702	K Ball	Sunderland	1.00	-1	+6
32703	R Ord	Sunderland	0.50	-1	+10
32801	S Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	-1	+20
31702	J Scales	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	-1	+9
32802	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	+14
32803	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	0
32806	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	-6
32807	R Vega	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	0	-1
32901	S Bilic	West Ham United	2.50	+1	+12
32902	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	+3	+9
32903	S Potts	West Ham United	2.00	+2	0
32904	R Hall	West Ham United	1.50	+2	+2
32905	R Ferdinand	West Ham United	0.50	0	+4
33001	A Reeves	Wimbledon	1.00	0	0
33003	A Pearce	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
33004	D Blackwell	Wimbledon	0.50	-2	+16
33005	B McAllister	Wimbledon	0.50	-2	+12
33006	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.25	0	0

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MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts	
				Wk	Ov
40101	D Windass	Aberdeen	3.00	+2	+39
40102	S Glass	Aberdeen	3.00	+2	+23
40103	P Bernard	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+8
40104	I Kiriakov	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+28
40105	T Tzvetanov	Aberdeen	0.50	+2	+25
40201	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	+4	+39
40202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	0	+55
40203	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.00	0	+25
40204	G Helder	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
40205	I Selley	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
40208	P Vieira	Arsenal	3.00	+2	+40
40209	R Garde	Arsenal	2.00	0	+7
40210	S Hughes	Arsenal	2.00	+2	+14
40301	M Draper	Aston Villa	4.00	+3	+33
40302	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.50	+2	+48
40303	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50	+3	+39
40304	G Farrelly	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+1
40306	S Curcic	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+21
40401	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	+1	+40
40402	L Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	+2	+29
40403	G Flitcroft	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1	+24
40404	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+5	+20
40405	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+43
40406	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	+3	+7
40407	G Donis	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+16
40408	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	+5
40409	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	0
40501	P McStay	Celtic	3.00	0	+22
40502	A Thom	Celtic	2.50	+1	+28
40503	S Donnelly	Celtic	2.50	0	+30
40504	P Grant	Celtic	1.50	0	+26
40505	P Di Canio	Celtic	3.00	+1	+56
40506	D Hannah	Celtic	1.50	+1	+12
40507	P O'Donnell	Celtic	2.50	+1	+8
40601	R Gullit	Chelsea	3.50	0	+9
40602	D Wise	Chelsea	3.00	+2	+40
40604	C Burley	Chelsea	2.00	+3	+34
40605	E Newton	Chelsea	2.00	+3	+20
40607	D Rocastle	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
40608	R Di Matteo	Chelsea	3.00	+2	+54
40609	J Morris	Chelsea	2.00	0	+1
40610	P Hughes	Chelsea	2.00	+3	+4
40701	J Salako	Coventry City	2.50	0	+32
41501	G McAllister	Coventry City	5.50	+1	+56
40702	E Jess	Coventry City	2.00	0	+32
40703	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50	0	+35
40704	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+32
40705	P Williams	Coventry City	1.50	+3	+31
40706	M Isaias	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
40707	W Boland	Coventry City	0.25	0	0
40708	M O'Neill	Coventry City	1.50	0	+1
40801	A Asanovic	Derby County	2.00	+3	+50
40802	P Simpson	Derby County	1.50	0	+5
40803	R van der Laan	Derby County	1.50	+6	+27
40804	D Powell	Derby County	1.00	0	+25
40805	S Flynn	Derby County	0.75	0	+12
40807	G Rowett	Derby County	0.50	+4	+35
40809	C Dailly	Derby County	1.50	+1	+35
40901	G McSwegan	Dundee United	2.00	0	+27
40902	R Winters	Dundee United	1.50	0	+63
40903	G Johnson	Dundee United	1.00	0	0
42003	J Dolan	Dundee United	1.00	0	+27
42303	J McInally	Dundee United	0.75	0	+19
40904	D Bowman	Dundee United	0.75	0	+24
40905	A Benneker	Dundee United	0.50	0	+2
41001	H French	Dunfermline	1.00	+1	+43
41002	C Robertson	Dunfermline	1.00	+1	+34
41003	A Smith	Dunfermline	0.75	+1	+48
41004	D Fleming	Dunfermline	0.50	0	+28
41102	G Speed	Everton	4.00	+5	+64
41104	J Parkinson	Everton	1.50	+1	+31
41106	A Grant	Everton	0.50	0	+11
41108	C Thomsen	Everton	2.00	+2	+12
41202	A McManus	Hearts	1.50	0	+7
41203	S Fulton	Hearts	1.00	+1	+33
41302	P McGinlay	Hibernian	1.50	+1	+41
41303	G Love	Hibernian	0.75	0	+9
41305	I Cameron	Hibernian	0.75	0	+10
41401	A Mitchell	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	+25
41402	J McIntyre	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	+36
41403	M Skilling	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	0
41404	J Lauchlan	Kilmarnock	0.50	0	+11
41502	L Bowyer	Leeds United	3.00	+2	+54
41503	A Gray	Leeds United	2.50	0	+1
41504	C Palmer	Leeds United	2.00	0	+27
41505	R Wallace	Leeds United	1.50	+2	+34
41805	L Sharpe	Leeds United	3.50	+2	+45
41506	I Harte	Leeds United	1.00	0	+19
41507	M Ford	Leeds United	0.50	0	+19
41508	A Couzens	Leeds United	0.50	0	+8
41510	M Jackson	Leeds United	1.00	+2	+10
41601	N Lennon	Leicester City	2.00	+2	+32
41602	G Parker	Leicester City	2.00	+1	+33
41603	S Taylor	Leicester City	2.00	+1	+21
41604	J Lawrence	Leicester City	0.25	+1	+3
40606	M Izzet	Leicester City	1.00	+1	+41
41701	S McManaman	Liverpool	7.00	+3	+54
41702	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	0	+44
41703	J Redknapp	Liverpool	4.00	+1	+23
41704	J Barnes	Liverpool	3.00	+1	+51
41705	M Thomas	Liverpool	2.50	+1	+34
41706	M Kennedy	Liverpool	1.00	0	0
41707	P Berger	Liverpool	3.00	0	+27
41801	R Giggs	Manchester United	7.00	0	+43
41802	R Keane	Manchester United	4.50	+1	+19
41803	D Beckham	Manchester United	4.00	0	+56
41804	N Butt	Manchester United	3.50	+1	+33
41806	B McClair	Manchester United	1.50	0	+9
41807	T Cooke	Manchester United	1.00	0	0
41808	B Thornley	Manchester United	1.00	0	+1
41809	S Davies	Manchester United	0.50	0	0
41810	J Cruyff	Manchester United	2.50	0	+17
41811	K Poborsky	Manchester United	4.00	0	+27
41901	Emerson	Middlesbrough	3.50	+2	+30
41902	Juninho	Middlesbrough	3.50	+3	+59
41903	C Hignett	Middlesbrough	2.00	+3	+28
41905	A Moore	Middlesbrough	1.00	+2	+7
41906	R Mustoe	Middlesbrough	1.00	+2	+32
41908	C Liddle	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	+6
41909	B Robson	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	+1
41910	P Stamp	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	+20
42001	C McCart	Motherwell	2.00	0	+16
42002	J Philliben	Motherwell	1.00	0	+14
42004	J Hendry	Motherwell	0.75	0	+4
42005	S Valikarri	Motherwell	3.00	+2	+8
42101	D Ginola	Newcastle United	5.50	0	+24
42102	R Lee	Newcastle United	5.50	+1	+45
42103	K Gillespie	Newcastle United	4.50	+1	+29
42104	D Batty	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+25
42105	L Clark	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+21
42107	D Hamilton	Newcastle United	1.50	0	0
42201	I Woan	Nottingham Forest	4.50	0	+35
42202	S Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0	+2
42203	S Gemmill	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	+15
42204	C Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+20
42205	D Phillips	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	+27
42301	T Rougier	Raith Rovers	2.00	+1	+32
42302	D Lennon	Raith Rovers	1.00	+1	+45
41304	A Millen	Raith Rovers	0.50	+1	+24
42304	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	+26
42401	P Gascoigne	Rangers	7.00	0	+58
42402	B Laudrup	Rangers	5.00	0	+68
42403	S McCall	Rangers	2.00	0	+9
42404	T Steven	Rangers	1.50	0	+8
42405	J Albertz	Rangers	4.00	0	+59
42501	R Blinker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+16
42502	M Pembridge	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+4	+49
42504	G Hyde	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+29
42506	M Williams	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42507	R Jones	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42508	S Oakes	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+1	+10
42509	W Collins	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	+1	+13
42510	O Trustfull	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+13
42511	B Carbone	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	+2	+33
42512	D Billington	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42601	J Magilton	Southampton	2.50	+2	+41
42604	B Venison	Southampton	1.00	0	0
42606	D Hughes	Southampton	0.50	0	+1
42906	R Slater	Southampton	1.00	+3	+18
42607	M Oakley	Southampton	0.50	+2	+29
42608	P Tisdale	Southampton	0.50	0	0
42609	M Robinson	Southampton	0.25	0	+6
42611	E Berkovic	Southampton	1.00	+3	+30
42701	M Gray	Sunderland	2.50	+1	+41
42702	S Agnew	Sunderland	1.50	0	+16
42703	A Rae	Sunderland	1.50	0	+14
42704	P Bracewell	Sunderland	0.75	+1	+41
42705	M Smith	Sunderland	1.00	0	+9
42706	C Waddle	Sunderland	1.50	+1	+2
42801	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	5.50	+1	+18
42802	R Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	+1	+26
42803	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	+35
42804	J Dozzell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	+1	+13
42805	A Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	+1	+40
42806	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	+2	+10
42809	A Nielsen	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+3	+42
42902	I Bishop	West Ham United	2.00	+3	+33
42903	M Hughes	West Ham United	2.00	+3	+37
42904	D Williamson	West Ham United	1.50	0	+17
42905	J Moncur	West Ham United	1.50	0	+20
42907	S Lazaridis	West Ham United	0.25	+1	+15
42908	S Lomas	West Ham United	2.00	+3	+3
43001	R Earle	Wimbledon	4.00	+1	+66
43002	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	+1	+45
43003	M Gayle	Wimbledon	2.00	+1	+63
43004	V Jones	Wimbledon	1.50	+1	+35
43005	N Ardley	Wimbledon	0.50	+1	+47
43006	S Castledine	Wimbledon	0.50	+1	+2
43007	P Fear	Wimbledon	0.25	0	+6

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				Wk	Ov
50101	S Booth	Aberdeen	4.50	0	+12
50102	D Shearer	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+7
50103	W Dodds	Aberdeen	5.00	+1	+34
50201	I Wright	Arsenal	7.00	+1	+64
50202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.00	+1	+43
50205	C Kiwomya	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
50206	N Anelka	Arsenal	3.00	0	0
50301	D Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50	+2	+73
50302	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	5.00	+4	+41
50304	J Joachim	Aston Villa	2.00	+2	+11
50402	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+2	+53
50404	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1	+41
50405	G Fenton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+3
50406	N Gudmundsson	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	0
50407	P Pedersen	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+8
50502	J Cadete	Celtic	6.00	+1	+77
50303	T Johnson	Celtic	4.00	+3	+20
50601	G Vialli	Chelsea	5.00	0	+41
50602	M Hughes	Chelsea	4.00	+6	+51
50605	M Stein	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
50606	G Zola	Chelsea	5.00	+3	+49
50701	N Whelan	Coventry City	6.00	+3	+38
50702	D Dublin	Coventry City	5.00	+3	+39
50703	P Ndlovu	Coventry City	3.00	+1	+5
52105	D Huckerby	Coventry City	0.50	0	+35
50801	D Sturridge	Derby County	3.00	+2	+44
50802	M Gabbiadini	Derby County	2.00	0	+7
50803	A Ward	Derby County	2.00	+4	+37
50804	R Willems	Derby County	1.00	0	+18
50903	K Olafsson	Dundee United	3.00	0	+17
51001	A Moore	Dunfermline	2.00	0	+12
51002	S Petrie	Dunfermline	2.00	0	+26
51101	D Ferguson	Everton	6.00	+1	+41
51901	N Barmby	Everton	4.00	+1	+42
51102	G Stuart	Everton	3.00	+1	+37
51104	P Rideout	Everton	2.00	0	+4
51105	M Branch	Everton	1.50	+4	+13
51201	J Robertson	Hearts	3.50	0	+47
51202	C Cameron	Hearts	3.50	+1	+49
51203	D Beckford	Hearts	0.50	0	+4
51301	K Wright	Hibernian	3.00	0	+23
51302	D Jackson	Hibernian	3.00	+3	+50
51401	P Wright	Kilmarnock	3.00	0	+59
51501	A Yeboah	Leeds United	7.00	0	+4
51502	I Rush	Leeds United	3.50	+1	+32
51504	B Deane	Leeds United	2.00	+1	+33
51506	P Laurent	Leeds United	2.00	0	0
51507	D Lilley	Leeds United	0.75	0	0
51601	S Claridge	Leicester City	2.50	0	+51
51602	E Heskey	Leicester City	2.00	+1	+39
51603	M Robins	Leicester City	0.75	+1	+8
51604	I Marshall	Leicester City	0.75	+4	+44
51605	S Guppy	Leicester City	2.00	+2	+6
51701	R Fowler	Liverpool	9.00	+3	+69
51702	S Collymore	Liverpool	8.00	0	+47
51801	E Cantona	Manchester United	8.50	+2	+47
51802	P Scholes	Manchester United	5.00	+2	+19
51803	A Cole	Manchester United	4.50	+3	+19
51804	O G Solskjaer	Manchester United	3.00	+1	+50
51905	F Ravanelli	Middlesbrough	5.00	+4	+75
51906	M Beck	Middlesbrough	2.50	0	+31
52001	T Coyne	Motherwell	2.00	+5	+49
50902	O Coyle	Motherwell	2.00	+3	+31
52002	D Arnott	Motherwell	1.50	0	+17
50401	A Shearer	Newcastle United	10.0	+1	+74
52101	L Ferdinand	Newcastle United	8.50	+1	+52
52102	F Asprilla	Newcastle United	6.50	0	+16
52103	P Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00	0	+32
50501	P van Hooijdonk	Nottingham Forest	7.00	0	+46
52201	D Saunders	Nottingham Forest	3.50	0	+43
52202	B Roy	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+12
52203	P McGregor	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	0
52204	K Campbell	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	+33
52205	J Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	+7
52206	S Howe	Nottingham Forest	0.50	0	0
52207	A Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	0.50	0	+1
52208	I Moore	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	0
52301	P Duffield	Raith Rovers	2.00	+1	+31
52401	G Durie	Rangers	6.00	0	+14
52402	E Andersen	Rangers	5.00	0	+35
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52502	A Booth	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+3	+56
52504	G Whittingham	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+2	+35
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52804	S Iversen	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	0	+32
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52104	P Kitson	West Ham United	1.50	+2	+16
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53002	E Ekoku	Wimbledon	3.00	+2	+52
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53004	J Euell	Wimbledon	0.75	+1	+1
53005	A Clarke	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+7
53006	M Harford	Wimbledon	0.50	+1	+6

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60101	R Aitken	Aberdeen	2.50	+1	+28
60202	A Wenger	Arsenal	3.50	+3	+43
60301	B Little	Aston Villa	3.50	+2	+49
60402	A Parkes	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	+22
60501	T Burns	Celtic	4.00	+1	+68
60601	R Gullit	Chelsea	2.50	+2	+55
60702	G Strachan	Coventry City	1.00	+3	+20
60801	J Smith	Derby County	0.75	+4	+38
62302	T McLean	Dundee United	0.75	0	+60
61001	W Paton	Dunfermline	0.50	+1	+27
61201	J Jefferies	Hearts	2.00	+1	+40
61302	J Duffy	Hibernian	1.00	+1	+13
61402	W Williamson	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	+13
61502	G Graham	Leeds United	2.00	+1	+30
61601	M O'Neill	Leicester City	0.50	0	+33
61701	R Evans	Liverpool	4.50	+3	+59
61801	A Ferguson	Manchester United	5.00	+3	+64
61901	B Robson	Middlesbrough	2.00	+2	+35
62001	A McLeish	Motherwell	1.50	+3	+22
62102	K Dalglish	Newcastle United	4.50	+1	+12
62202	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+2
62303	I Munro	Raith Rovers	0.50	-1	+10
62401	W Smith	Rangers	5.00	0	+72
62501	D Pleat	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+4	+55
62601	G Souness	Southampton	0.50	+4	+17
62701	P Reid	Sunderland	0.50	-1	+18
62801	G Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	-2	+25
62901	H Redknapp	West Ham United	2.00	0	+19
63001	J Kinnear	Wimbledon	1.00	-2	+49

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Blair 'prepared to be isolated' in EU

■ John Major and *Tony Blair yesterday threatened to block* a treaty reforming the European Union unless action is taken to prevent foreign *trawlers plundering British fishing grounds.*

Mr Blair was accused of another policy U-turn after saying that he was prepared *to disrupt the Amsterdam summit* where an updated version of the Maastricht treaty is due to be signed in June. *He said he was prepared to be isolated where British* interests were at stake .... **Pages 1, 7-12, 18, 19**

Labour unleashes the bulldog spirit

■ The British *bulldog will tonight make a comeback as the* symbol of the nation's fighting spirit in a daring attempt by *Labour to steal the patriotic high ground from the Tories.* A three-year old bulldog called Fitz is the star of Labour's latest party election broadcast .... **Page 1**

Water curbs drawn up

Water restrictions affecting millions of people across southern England are being drawn up by water companies under an emergency agreement *to cope with the* droughts .... **Page 1**

Airline league table

Holidaymakers are being offered *a charter airline punctuality* league table to help them avoid spending long, frustrating hours in airports .... **Page 1**

Marathon handover

A five-year-old girl was showing her schoolfriends the runner-up medal of Liz McColgan, who gave it to her after the Flora London *Marathon* .... **Page 2**

Killer recaptured

A triple killer was remanded in custody in Dublin after being recaptured in the Irish Republic where he had lived after escaping from Broadmoor top security hospital .... **Page 3**

Surgeons accused

Surgeons at Harefield hospital put pressure on a couple to consent to a heart transplant for their baby son which left him brain-*damaged for life,* the High Court was told .... **Page 4**

No contest for Tiger

The prospect of Tiger Woods, the 21-year-old Masters champion, teeing-off against a black British Ryder Cup opponent is remote .... **Page 5**

Lottery monopoly

National Lottery money is being handed out to elitist heritage projects by a small network of people living mainly in southern England, *a report says* ..... **Page 5**

Age of the oldie

The telegram bill at Buckingham Palace is going up. By 2031 there will be ten times as many centenarians as now — 40,000 people will qualify for congratulations from the monarch .... **Page 6**

Strike shuts Kinshasa

Children played football in streets normally crammed with traffic as Kinshasa's residents shut down the capital of Zaire in a protest at the continued rule of President Mobutu Sese Seko .... **Page 13**

Reno under pressure

Janet Reno, the US Attorney-General, came under Republican pressure to quit as she planned to reject calls for an independent inquiry into fundraising for President Clinton .... **Page 14**

Red and rich

In the Chinese city of Chongqing, the "Hot Pot man", a "red" restaurant entrepreneur, is held up as an example of the tenet of Deng Xiaoping that to get rich is glorious .... **Page 14**

Austrian women rebel

Austrian women, angry about being frozen out of top jobs, are rebelling against male domination of the Establishment **Page 15**

Party launches song for Eurosceptics

■ There has been Benny Hill's *Ernie*, and Clive Dunn's *Grandad*. Yesterday another novelty single was released in the hopes of matching their success: the unofficial anthem of the Referendum Party. The song, *Let The People Decide* by the Rabble Army, was written by a party candidate who is also a Pentecostal minister and one-time pop composer .... **Page 12**

PAUL FIEVEZ

Nine people were taken to hospital after a lorry went out of control on a hill in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, and careered for 300 yards through the town before smashing into a building society branch. The injured mainly suffered cuts and bruises

BUSINESS

Co-op: The Co-operative Retail Society has poured cold water on plans floated by the chief executive of the Co-operative Wholesale Society to bring the various parts of the co-operative movement together .... **Page 27**

Glaxo: Glaxo Wellcome, the pharmaceutical giant, is to come under fire from shareholders for giving $500,000 to US political parties *without disclosing the donation in* its accounts .... **Page 27**

Economy: *Growth in retail sales* slowed down during March while factory gate prices fell .... **Page 27**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 19 to close at 4251.7. Sterling fell from 99.7 to 99.4 after a fall from $1.6255 to $1.6223 and from DM2.8019 to DM2.7960 .... **Page 30**

SPORT

Golf: Tiger Woods's win in the Masters in Augusta was one of the greatest moments of the game, for sociological reasons as much as for sporting .... **Page 52**

Cricket: Michael Atherton was reappointed England captain and will lead the side in the Test and one-day series against Australia this summer .... **Page 52**

Football: Mark Bosnich, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, has been fined two weeks' wages after leaving the *ground before the game against* Derby .... **Page 48**

Athletics: Liz McColgan, who was beaten into second place in the Flora London Marathon by one second, will probably opt for the 10,000 metres at the world *championships* .... **Page 49**

ARTS

Bossa man: Musicians from Sinatra to Sting have moved beyond *Girl from Ipanema* to pay homage to the songs of Antonio Carlos Jobim. Now the Barbican is preparing a tribute concert .... **Page 34**

Dual personality: Singer-songwriter Beth Orton has acquired a hip following by appealing to both folk and dance fans .... **Page 34**

Mogul miniatures: Conservation work brings a rare opportunity to see a real treasure from the Royal Collection: 44 painted illustrations from a 17th-century Indian manuscript .... **Page 35**

Carry on Cleo: Carol Metcalfe's splendid production of *Antony and Cleopatra* at the Bridewell strips the play to its essentials and gives it a *Forties setting* .... **Page 36**

FEATURES

Tick-tack-tot: Long before they start to speak, young babies may be *capable of learning a simple sign* language that stimulates both the desire and the ability to communicate .... **Page 16**

Habit forming: Two weeks among an order of Benedictine nuns changed the life of the actress Fiona Shaw as she swung from "loathing their lifestyle to admiring it beyond measure" .... **Page 17**

LAW

Mean suites: Society may be obsessed with street crimes such as burglary and car theft, but suite crime — sometimes involving millions in corporate funds — costs society more .... **Page 37**

Hands up: A hands-on museum in the Midlands about justice and the law is proving a hit with children .... **Page 39**

THE PAPERS

This Pope who is not well-liked by the chorus of French moralists — unbelievers or not — is starting to provoke admiration. It is not clear *what we hold against him.* His loyalty to Poland, his native land? His willingness to address people and Christians without much regard for intermediary bodies? His refusal to abandon the Christian rule of respect for life in order to *satisfy the fashion at the end of the* century? *Le Figaro*

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ INTERFACE
How information technology has revolutionised British banking

■ ARTS
London's young rappers join professional musicians to shout their stuff at the Albert Hall

TV & RADIO

Preview: *Six men who visit prostitutes explain why. Witness* (Channel 4, *9pm*). **Review:** Lynne Truss on Dot's puzzled return to Albert Square .... **Pages 50, 51**

OPINION

Red herrings

Mr Blair says he will take a tough *line on* fish but will only say that the use of the veto is "not ruled out". The Labour leader is making a lawyerly attempt to place himself in Mr Major's slipstream, while allowing a hole big enough to wriggle out of using the veto .... **Page 19**

African twilight

Paris should now be using whatever influence it has with Mr Mobutu to persuade him that the game is up. If he refuses Mr Kabila's offer of a dignified exit or retirement in Zaire *then* France *should* make clear that nothing at home or abroad will save him .... **Page 19**

Mozart of the greens

If those who debate racial injustice can learn to relax their fists, to regard life with the sunny brilliance of the new US Masters champion, they may find that they achieve a better score .... **Page 19**

COLUMNS

LIBBY PURVES

When an uncongenial person quotes your favourite books, Stella Gibbons defined it as "like seeing a drunken stranger wrapped in one's dressing-gown". So forgive any whimpers of pain. I have just found the drunken stranger that is Hollywood dribbling on one of my favourite dressing-gowns ..... **Page 18**

RICHARD LAYARD

Many people have still not noticed the biggest single difference between Labour and the Conservatives. This is in the approach to jobs and skills. Labour's plans here are truly revolutionary. They would prevent most long-term unemployment, and they would ensure a *basic skill for almost every* youngster .... **Page 18**

OBITUARIES

Professor David Keith-Lucas, aeronautical engineer; ***Laxmishanker Pathak,*** *businessman* .... **Page 21**

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Lord Habgood and others on democracy and public morality; children under threat from alcopops .... **Page 19**

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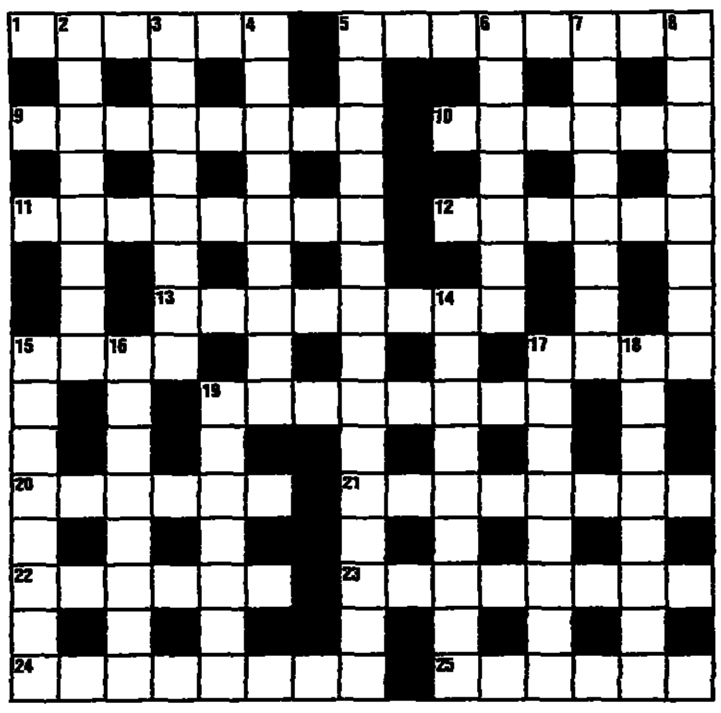

ACROSS

1 A type prone to stress (6).
5 Cards before and after dealing jack? (8).
9 Step taken, we hear, with pay slip (8).
10 America's about to clinch Ulster agreement (6).
11 A firework that's held to be safe (8).
12 Those voting for it get cheers (6).
13 Lost against United (8).
15 Spot on right side of face — mole, perhaps (4).
17 Bishop bolted indigestible part of meal (4).
19 Meal, say, that's perfect — unlike a supper? (8).
20 Dealer withdrawing Titian paintings (6).
21 Recusant *moving from* Italy a long time ago (8).
22 Shaman finally brought in to describe spell (6).
23 He puts questions about sack coalman delivered (8).
24 Precious stones granted royal viewing (4-4).
25 Oppose wife's release from prison (6).

DOWN

2 Actors cursing men fighting in theatre, say (8).
3 Scholarship landed by blue taking English (8).
4 Church and state welcoming new tax (9).
5 The breaking of rum limit 'ere ends in this? (8,7).
6 Corresponding with compassionate cardinal, say (7).
7 When nurse might be an aid worker? (8).
8 Offering to visit a country (8).
14 Sign up those volunteering to fight in harbour (9).
15 City still making you extremely happy (8).
16 Lout sinking first of lagers becomes cheerful (8).
17 Leave a gift (8).
18 The old man's upset the old lady, perhaps? That's obvious (8).
19 *React violently to extremely loathsome flattery* (7).

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: **Highest day temp:** Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, 18C (64F); **lowest day max:** Sella Ness, Shetland, 5C (41F); **highest rainfall:** Loch Glascarnoch, Highland, 0.20in; **highest sunshine:** Jersey, 12.4hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales should be dry with clear or sunny periods, but it may be rather cloudy at times in eastern England, especially near North Sea coasts. It will be quite warm in the west, but rather chilly near exposed coasts.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mainly dry, but some drizzle may affect the far north and northwest of Scotland. Elsewhere, but chiefly in eastern Scotland, sunny spells should develop Temperatures will be mostly above average, except near exposed coasts.

☐ ***London, S E England, Central S England, Channel Isles, S W England:*** dry with sunny spells. Wind east or northeast, moderate to fresh. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, N E England:** dry but rather cloudy at times; some sunny intervals. Wind northerly, moderate to fresh Rather cool near coasts. Max 10C-13C (50F-55F).

☐ **E Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales, N W England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England:** dry with sunny periods. Wind east or northeast, light to moderate. Warm. Max 13C-15C (55F-59F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, S W Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** dry, sunny spells. Wind variable, mainly light northwesterly. Max 13C-16C (55F-61F).

☐ **N E Scotland, N W Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** rather cloudy, some drizzle at times. Wind westerly, moderate, occasionally fresh. Max 9C-11C (48F-52F).

☐ **Argyll, N Ireland:** any cloud and patchy drizzle will clear, leaving bright intervals. Wind light and variable. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday:** staying mostly dry with some sunshine, chiefly in the west.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b = bright; c = cloud; d = drizzle; ds = dust storm; du = dull; f = fair; fg = fog; g = gale; h = hail; r = rain; sh = shower; sl = sleet; sn = snow; s = sun; t = thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.0	0.04	12	54	b
Anglesey	7.8	-	12	54	c
Aspatria	3.7		16	61	b
Aviemore		0.01	12	54	c
Belfast	0.1	0.01	12	54	d
Birmingham	0.5	-	15	59	c
Bognor R	4.6	-	15	59	b
Bournem'th	7.4	-	16	61	s
Bristol	5.6	-	*16*	*61*	*b*
Burton	1.0	0.01	12	54	b
Cardiff	8.1	-	15	59	c
Clacton	6.2	-	12	54	b
Cromer	1.3	0.01	9	49	c
Eastbourne	4.3	0.01	14	57	c
Edinburgh	2.8	-	18	64	b
Eskdalemuir	0.9	-	14	57	c
Exmouth	9.4	-	15	59	s
Falmouth	11.3	-	14	57	s
Fishguard	8.7	-	11	52	s
Folkestone	4.5	-	15	59	c
Glasgow	*4.3*	-	*18*	*64*	*b*
Guernsey	11.4	-	14	57	s
Hastings	5.2	0.01	14	57	h
Hayling I.	2.1	0.01	14	57	f
Herne Bay	*2.6*	-	*14*	*57*	du
Hove	X	-	13	55	du
Hunstanton	X	-	11	52	s
Isle of Man	6.0	-	13	55	b
Jersey	12.4	-	16	61	s
Kinloss	0.7	0.01	12	54	c
Leeds	2.2	-	15	59	c
Lerwick	10.2	-	5	41	s
Leuchars	2.5	-	14	57	b
Littlehmptn	3.8	-	14	57	s
London	2.5		15	59	b
Lowestoft	2.6	0.01	12	54	c
Manchester	1.1	0.01	15	59	c
Margate	4.0	-	14	57	du
Morecambe	*4.0*	-	*14*	*57*	s
Newcastle	0.5	-	11	52	h
Newquay	10.2	-	13	55	s
Norwich	0.7	0.01	12	54	c
Oxford	*5.1*	-	*16*	*61*	*c*
Penzance	X	-	14	57	s
Poole	6.9	-	17	63	s
Prestatyn	X	-	12	54	s
Ross-o-wye	*3.2*	-	*16*	*61*	b
Ryde	1.9	-	15	59	b
Salcombe	10.7	-	15	59	s
Sandown	2.7	-	15	59	c
Saunton Snd	6.1	-	15	59	s
Scarboro'	0.5	0.01	10	50	c
Shanklin	1.3	-	14	57	c
Shrewsbury	5.6	-	15	59	b
Skegness	*0.1*	-	*11*	*52*	c
Southend	X				
Southport	X				
Southsea	1.7	-	15	59	c
Stornoway	*1.2*	0.03	11	52	d
Swanage	9.1	-	14	57	s
Teignmouth	10.5	-	15	59	s
Tenby	10.3	-	16	61	s
Tiree	2.1	0.01	11	52	fg
Torquay	12.1	-	17	63	s
Tynemouth		0.01	9	48	b
Ventnor	3.4		13	55	b
West-s-mare	6.0	-	18	64	b
Weymouth	9.0	-	16	61	s

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	f	Corfu	11	52	c	Majorca	21	70	s	Rome	15	59	s
Akrotiri	18	64	f	C'phagn	6	43	c	Malaga	19	66	s	S Fr'sco	X		
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Dublin	12	54	c	Malta	14	57	f	S Paulo	26	79	f
Algiers	23	73	s	Dubrovnik	12	54	s	Melb'rne	29	84	s	Salzburg	8	46	f
Amst'dm	*10*	*50*	*f*	*Faro*	22	72	s	*Mexico C*	21	*70*	*f*	*Santiago*	26	79	s
Athens	16	61	f	Florence	17	63	s	Miami	31	88	s	Seoul	21	70	s
B Aires	31	88	s	Frankfurt	10	50	f	Milan	17	63	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Bahrain	X			Funchal	20	68	s	Montreal	2	36	fg	St'kholm	8	46	f
Bangkok	34	93	s	Geneva	11	52	s	Moscow	-1	30	c	Strasb'rg	11	52	f
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	19	66	f	Munich	8	46	f	Sydney	25	77	s
Barcelona	18	64	s	Helsinki	0	32	sl	N Delhi	31	88	s	Tangier	24	75	s
Beirut	18	64	f	Hong K	23	73	f	N York	17	63	s	Tel Aviv	30	86	c
Belgrade	6	43	f	Innsbrck	9	48	s	Nairobi	18	64	f	Tenerife	23	73	f
Berlin	8	46	s	Istanbul	5	41	f	Naples	15	59	f	Tokyo	21	70	s
Bermuda	20	68	f	Jeddah	X			Nice	17	63	f	Toronto	3	37	sn
Biarritz	13	55	s	Jo'burg	20	68	f	Oslo	14	57	f	Tunis	19	66	f
Borde'x	15	59	s	L Angels	X			Paris	11	52	s	Valencia	19	66	s
Brussels	9	48	f	L Palmas	22	72	s	Peking	24	75	s	Vanc'ver	10	50	s
Budapest	7	45	c	Le Touqt	11	52	f	Perth	22	72	f	Venice	14	57	s
Cairo	34	93	*f*	Lisbon	23	73	s	Prague	5	41	s	Vienna	3	37	f
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Locarno	15	59	s	Reykjavik	7	45	d	Warsaw	2	36	f
Ch'church	13	55	X	Luxembg	8	46	s	Rhodes	14	57	f	Wash'ton	18	64	c
Chicago	X			Luxor	38	100	s	Rio de J	27	81	f	Wel'ngton	16	61	X
Cologne	*10*	*50*	s	*Madrid*	21	70	s	Riyadh	*26*	*79*	s	Zurich	9	48	*f*

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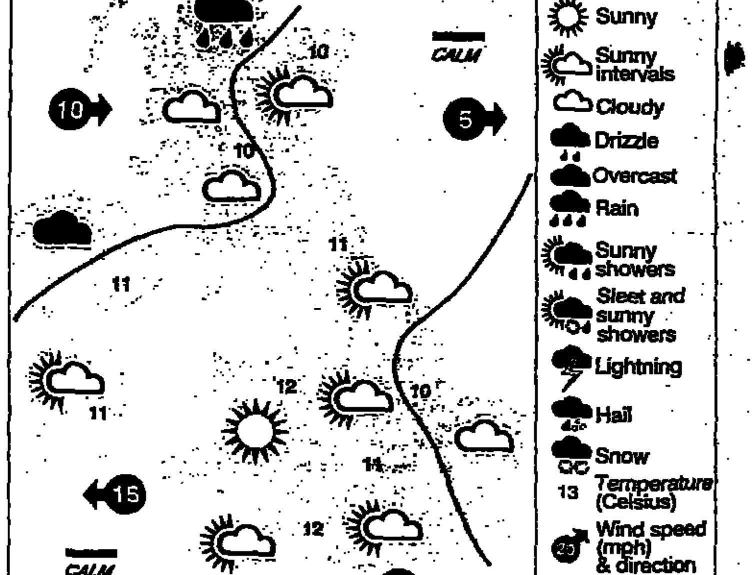

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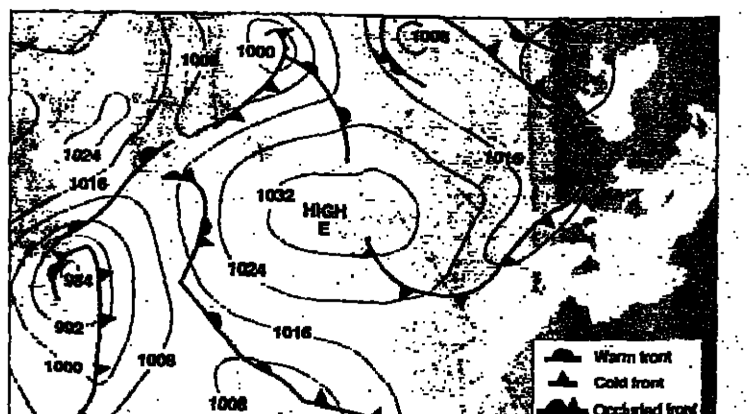

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	08.14	6.2	20.34	5.9	Leith	09.27	4.4	22.09	4.3
Aberdeen	08.15	3.3	21.11	3.3	Liverpool	05.37	7.4	18.24	7.1
Avonmouth	00.53	10.0	13.37	9.5	Lowestoft	04.39	2.1	18.27	2.1
Belfast	*05.53*	*3.0*	*18.48*	2.8	Margate	06.30	3.9	18.51	3.8
Cardiff	00.39	9.4	13.23	8.9	Milford Haven	00.21	5.3	13.00	5.0
Devonport	-	-	12.12	4.2	Newquay	-	-	12.00	6.1
Dover	05.36	5.3	18.11	5.3	Oban	-	-	13.23	2.7
Dublin (N Wall)	06.39	3.5	19.26	3.3	Penzance	11.31	4.1	-	-
Falmouth	11.43	4.0	-	-	Portland	00.26	1.3	13.21	1.1
Greenock	06.21	2.9	19.24	2.5	Portsmouth	06.01	3.7	18.54	3.7
Harwich	06.04	3.2	18.23	3.0	*Shoreham*	*05.22*	*4.7*	*18.14*	*4.8*
Holyhead	04.59	4.5	17.54	4.2	Southampton	06.09	3.6	17.58	3.6
Hull (Albert D)	00.38	7.0	12.52	7.0	Swansea	00.27	7.4	13.06	7.2
Ilfracombe	-	-	12.42	6.7	Tees	10.30	4.3	23.18	4.2
King's Lynn	00.47	4.9	12.57	4.9	*Walton-on-N*	06.08	3.4	18.26	3.2

All times GMT. Heights in metres.

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Sun sets: 7.57 pm
Moon sets 2.52 am
Moon rises 12.29 pm

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London pm to am
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Edinburgh 8.20 pm to 6.05 am
Manchester 8.10 pm to 6.07 am
Penzance 8.16 pm to 6.27 am

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Double boost on UK inflation outlook

By Alasdair Murray

TOUGH competition among retailers is curbing inflation in the high street. The British Retail Consortium (BRC) today reports a slowdown in the rate at which the value of retail sales is growing to 3.7 per cent in March, from 4.3 per cent in February.

There was further good news on inflation when official statistics disclosed a fall in factory-gate prices in March. The combination triggered City speculation that a widely expected half-point rise in base rates next month could be averted, with economists suggesting a quarter-point rise might be enough.

Andrew Sentance, chief economics adviser to the BRC, said that with the pound remaining strong the consortium expected the downward pressure on inflation to continue.

Sales growth was strongest in non-food areas, with products ranging from DIY goods to suncreams boosted by the warm weather and early Easter. But the BRC added that consumers were still cautious about buying larger items, such as audio equipment and furniture.

Separate data yesterday showed that manufacturing output prices fell 0.1 per cent in March — the second successive monthly drop — against City expectations of a 0.2 per cent rise. The annual rate of increase fell from 1.2 per cent to 1 per cent.

Input prices, which reflect the costs of raw materials, also fell 0.5 per cent in March, with the annual rate showing a drop of 7.7 per cent against a fall of 6.9 per cent in February.

Economists said raw material prices were likely to remain subdued in the next few months, helping to push inflation lower.

Jonathon Loynes, UK economist at HSBC Markets, added that the figures implied that any post-election rise in interest rates need be only modest.

The improving inflation outlook helped to send the pound lower on the foreign exchanges yesterday, with traders concluding that rates were now unlikely to rise by half a point next month. Sterling closed down about half a pfennig at DM2.7960, while the trade-weighted index slipped from 99.7 to close at 99.4.

The retail price inflation figures for March are due out on Thursday, with the City predicting that underlying inflation, which excludes mortgage payments, will fall from 2.9 per cent to 2.7 per cent.

The Office for National Statistics said the fall in producer prices was down to a drop in the price of crude oil and a seasonal fall in the price of electricity for industrial customers.

GRAHAM TROTT

Bright sparks: Hugh Langmuir, left, director of Cinven, the venture capital house that is funding the £135 million management buyout of Hanson's electrical businesses. Chris Thomas, right, becomes the chief executive of the renamed Electrium. The deal includes nine brands. Story, page 28

Co-op £6bn merger proposal is rejected

By Jason Nissé

THE Co-operative Retail Society has rejected a proposal by Graham Melmoth, chief executive of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, to bring the various parts of the Co-operative movement together to create a £6 billion retailing giant.

Mr Melmoth suggested the merger of the CRS and CWS while announcing a 21 per cent fall in trading profits at CWS to £41.5 million in 1996. Pre-tax profits fell £10.1 million to £68.2 million after the payment of dividends to the society's corporate members.

The organisation, with interests from food retailing to funeral parlours and embracing the Co-operative Bank, faces pressure from Andrew Regan, the entrepreneur whose Lanica Trust is pushing to buy part of the CWS.

Mr Melmoth admitted the need for a wide-ranging rethink of the CWS's strategy but denied this was prompted by Mr Regan's attentions. "It is my priority to bring the main players of the Co-operative movement together," Mr Melmoth said. "I hope to do this in 1997."

His plan would be to merge the two buying confederations — the CWS's Co-operative Retail Trading Group and CRS's Consortium of Independent Co-operatives — before a more far-reaching restructuring of the 133-year-old movement.

The CRS, which proposed a similar plan three years ago only to see it rejected by the CWS, was not impressed. Harry Moore, CRS chief executive, said: "In theory there is no argument that the Co-operative movement would benefit if there was one organisation. CRS has spent much of the last 12 years trying to achieve a merger, but to no avail. On each occasion it has proved a massive distraction to most societies and there are no indications that we could be more successful by going back to the negotiating table at this point."

The possibility of a merger of the societies has been on the agenda virtually since the CWS moved into retailing, with the takeover of the South Surburban and Royal Arsenal Co-operatives in the mid-1980s. Lack of progress has prompted interest from the City, but nothing happened until Mr Regan's moves, which started in February.

Shares of Lanica Trust, Mr Regan's quoted vehicle, are suspended on the Stock Exchange, but he claims the support of a number of wealthy individuals in Monte Carlo for his tilt at the Co-operative movement through Galileo, a special purpose company.

However, Galileo has missed the deadline to submit a motion to the CWS annual shareholder meeting in Manchester next month. Instead, the CWS is to put forward a motion expected to be critical of any moves by Mr Regan, who Mr Melmoth described as "an asset-stripping middleman". The 30-strong board of the CWS discussed talks with Mr Regan at a meeting last month and voted unanimously against such a move. The societies represented by the board members command 70 per cent of the vote in the CWS, though there are 300 corporate members from as far away as the Falkland Islands and Switzerland. Mr Regan only needs the support of ten corporate members to put a motion to the AGM or call an EGM.

Mr Melmoth said CWS's retail side had suffered a disappointing year, but this was largely because of strong competition from Tesco in Scotland. The CWS has repsonded by launching a dividend card, a swipe card which works like the old Co-op divi to collect points exchangeable for consumer goods. It was launched last month and initial take-up has been good. The CWS hopes to extend it throughout the UK.

Graham Melmoth admitted the need for a rethink

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Glaxo attacked over US political donations

By Jason Nissé

GLAXO Wellcome, the pharmaceutical company, is to come under fire from shareholders for giving $500,000 to US political parties without revealing this in its report and accounts.

The group gave up making political donations in the UK two years ago and states in its annual report, in the section headed Political Donations, that: "The company does not make political donations in the UK." Any UK donation of more than £200 has to be declared under law.

However, in response to a letter from Pirc, the corporate governance consultants, Glaxo has acknowledged that it made $265,000 of political donations through its US operation in the 18 months to June 1996. After further enquiries by *The Times*, Glaxo admitted the figure for the two years to December 1996 was "approximately" $500,000. Of this most was given to the Republican Party and nearly half was spent in the four months running up to last year's presidential election.

On top of this, Glaxo said it gave $680,000 through Political Action Committees, via which voluntary donations by employees are collected by the company. Again most went to the Republicans.

Pirc, which has also written to BAT Industries and SmithKline Beecham asking for disclosure of their US donations, is recommending that shareholders vote against approving Glaxo's report and accounts over the issue of the non-declaration of the US payments.

Anne Simpson, a Pirc director, said: "We consider such an expenditure should be approved by the shareholders in advance via a resolution stating the amount, beneficiary and reasons for the expenditure."

Her views are echoed by the National Association of Pension Funds, which has a policy of demanding disclosure of all political donations, and the Association of British Insurers. Richard Regan, the ABI's investment director, said: "The ABI supports the principle that political donations should be disclosed." Hermes, the Post Office and BT pension fund, has a policy of objecting to all political donations.

Glaxo said the payments were a normal part of business in the US and were insignificant when measured against the group's US profits.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES		
FTSE 100	4251.7	(–19.0)
Yield	3.79%	
FTSE All share	2070.0	(–8.82)
Nikkei	17692.47	(–154.51)
New York:		
Dow Jones	6376.84	(–14.85)*
S&P Composite	735.95	(–1.70)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	$5\frac{1}{2}$%*	($5\frac{7}{16}$%)
Long Bond	$93\frac{5}{16}$*	($93\frac{11}{32}$)
Yield	7.17%*	(7.17%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	$6\frac{3}{8}$%	($6\frac{3}{8}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	$108\frac{27}{32}$	($108\frac{19}{32}$)
STERLING		
New York:		
$	1.6223*	(1.6275)
London:		
$	1.6227	(1.6250)
DM	2.7964	(2.8015)
FFr	9.4047	(9.4247)
SFr	2.3829	(2.3853)
Yen	205.00	(204.97)
£ Index	99.4	(99.7)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.7246*	(1.7215)
FFr	5.8012*	(5.7905)
SFr	1.4685*	(1.4610)
Yen	126.47*	(126.17)
$ Index	106.0	(105.9)
Tokyo close Yen 126.45		
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Jun)	$18.40	($18.05)
GOLD		
London close	$346.55	($347.00)

* denotes midday trading price

Dash for cash at Alliance

By Gavin Lumsden

MORE than a quarter of Alliance & Leicester members have opted to sell their shares in the building society when it floats next week.

This is more than expected and eases the pressure on institutions seeking to buy the new stock, but could serve to undermine the share price when trading begins.

Cazenove, the stockbroker in charge of the society's free dealing service, said 27.5 per cent of members, around 620,000 savers, were disposing of about 160 million shares. This will raise between £1,000 and £1,100 each. Cazenove is selling the shares to institutional investors in a series of auctions starting on Friday afternoon.

The high number immediately cashing in the shares surprised analysts who had expected "carpet-baggers" to hang on amid speculation that Alliance will be taken over after flotation.

Accountants 'shield' launderers

By Adam Jones

ACCOUNTANTS and solicitors stand accused of shielding clients whom they suspect of money laundering. Those who should be best placed to detect financial malpractice are proving the least forthcoming in blowing the whistle.

The latest police statistics show they gave far fewer tip-offs than banks, independent financial advisers and bureaux de change in 1996. Their contribution to the fight against "dirty money" was yesterday described as miniscule by Prem Sikka, Professor of Accounting at the University of Essex, and a prominent member of the accounting profession. Finance professionals have a statutory obligation to inform police of transactions that suggest a client is involved in laundering drug money or helping terrorism. They face prison sentences of up to five years for non-disclosure, or 14 years if they are found guilty of aiding and abetting money laundering. No one has yet been prosecuted.

Last year, police at the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS) received 16,125 tip-offs, a rise from 13,710 in 1995. The bulk of disclosures, 49 per cent, came from banks. Building societies supplied a further 29 per cent. Seven per cent of tip-offs came from bureaux de change and 3 per cent from insurers.

Solicitors were responsible for 2 per cent and accountants for just 0.5 per cent of the total. This represents about 80 tip-offs, an increase from about 55 in 1995. However, Professor Sikka, said this was still "minuscule". He said: "Accountants don't tell the police about many instances of money laundering or suspicious transactions."

He said some accountants may be unaware of the statutory disclosure requirement. Others, asked to set up spurious shell companies or similar devices, may be fully aware of what their client is doing. Professor Sikka said accountancy firms maintained a secrecy that needs to be challenged. Insurers supplied 447 tip-offs, down from 636 in 1995.

Bardon and Camas merge

By Paul Durman

BARDON and Camas, the quarrying companies, have agreed a £540 million merger that will create Britain's fifth largest aggregates group.

The new company will be called Aggregate Industries, and have 2.2 billion tonnes of the mineral reserves that are the source of crushed rock, sand and gravel. In the UK, it will rank behind Tarmac, ARC, RMC and Redland.

Maurice Warren, chairman of Camas, will be chairman of Aggregate, while Bardon's Peter Tom will be chief executive. Five Camas directors and four Bardon directors are to join the new board.

Alan Shearer, 57, the Camas chief executive, is to retire with an estimated pay-off of about £400,000 in settlement of his two-year contract.

Bardon is offering two new shares for each share in Camas. Bardon shares yesterday added 3p to 44½p, and Camas climbed 9½p to 93½p. Bardon's shareholders will own 48.3 per cent of Aggregate, while Camas shareholders will own 51.7 per cent.

Combined, the two companies had sales last year of £656.2 million and made pre-tax profits of £46.2 million. They expect to save at least £10 million from increased purchasing power and other efficiencies. Aggregate will close the head offices in Solihull and Cheltenham, and plans a new one in the Warwick/Leamington Spa area.

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GM drives to $1.8bn in quarter

General Motors, the automotive manufacturer, lifted first-quarter profits from *continuing* operations to $1.8 billion, from $800 million in the previous first quarter, when a strike disrupted production.

Earnings per share were $2.30, up from 93 cents. *Group sales grew* to $42.26 billion ($39.24 billion).

GM said that it was the best quarter in more than ten years for its North American *operations*.

Appleyard fall

Pre-tax profits of Appleyard, *the motor* dealer, fell 59 per cent, to £3.2 million, in 1996, excluding £8.6 million of restructuring costs. Turnover was £783 million (£694.3 million). Post-exceptionals losses per share were 10.4p (7.5p earnings). A *1.6p final dividend* makes 4.7p (6.2p). The Serious Fraud Office is investigating one dealership.

Dinkie 8% up

Dinkie Heel, the footwear group, *lifted 1996 pre-tax* profits by 8 per cent, to £641,000, on sales up from £7.5 million to £9.2 million. The year's dividend rises *from 1.5p to 1.6p after an* unchanged 1p final.

Arcadian gain

Arcadian, the leisure developer, lifted 1996 pre-tax profits to £3.7 million, from £1.7 million, on turnover of £30.5 million (£20.4 million). A 1.08p final dividend makes 1.2p (1p).

Arlen ahead

Arlen, the electrical manufacturer and distributor, lifted pre-tax profits to £4.5 *million, from* £3.9 *million*, on sales of £28.8 million (£28.1 million). A 0.8p final takes the year dividend from 0.7p to 1.2p.

Bruce & Partners

Bruce & Partners, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, has no connection with the independent financial adviser of the same name in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, that is the subject of legal action by the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux.

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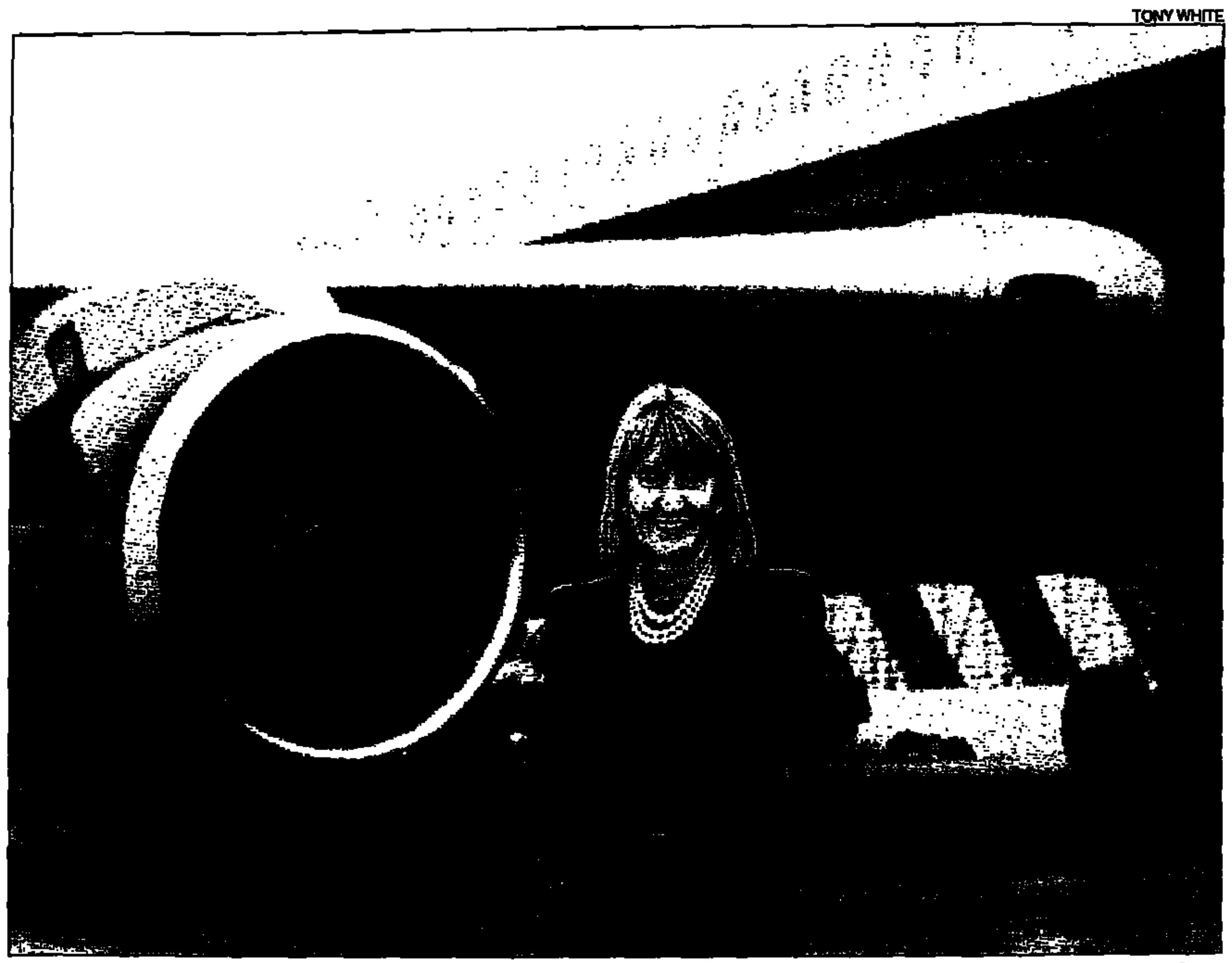

Janis Kong, managing director of BAA Gatwick, has seen traffic surge in March, helping BAA to a passenger record

BAA has record 98m passengers

AIR *traffic* at Gatwick and Stansted surged ahead in March, helping BAA to achieve a record total of 98 million passengers passing through the terminals of its seven UK airports in the past year, *up 4.6 per cent* (Carl Mortished writes).

Traffic at Gatwick was up 12.4 per cent in March, compared with a year ago, and up 6.9 per cent over the entire year. The increase stemmed, in part, *from the transfer* by British Airways of Latin American and African flights from Heathrow.

Overall traffic growth was held back by a 6.4 *per cent* decline in European charters after a reduction in capacity by tour operators. BAA said that this was over and that the charter market had grown by 6.7 per cent in March. Charter traffic grew by 44 per cent at Stansted, giving the airport a 19 per cent rise in throughput in the *1996/7 financial* year. Long-haul traffic grew by 7 per cent in the past year.

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Hanson plans sale of electrical division to buyout for £135m

By Fraser Nelson

HANSON, the former conglomerate that completed a four-part demerger in February, is to sell its electrical division to management in a deal backed by Cinven, the venture *capital* house, for £135 million.

The deal, Hanson's first disposal since concluding the break-up two months ago, *will* reduce *the* company to a building materials companies and a crane distributor. Hanson will receive £125 *million* in cash, and has agreed to lend Cinven the remaining £10 million.

Cinven has agreed to spend a further £10 million completing the restrcturing plan set *into action by Hanson*, including the closure of the factory in Walsall, West Midlands.

The deal includes nine electrical brands, including Crabtree, Volex, Marbo and Dorman Smith. The business employs more than 3,000 people and operates six factories in the UK, with plants in France, Dubai and Malaysia.

The business, which has assets of £58 million, generated 6 per cent of Hanson's operating profits last year making £13.4 million on sales of £145 million. Seventy per cent of its sales are generated in the United Kingdom.

Cinven, itself formed through a buyout from British Coal two years ago, will back the existing management. The company will be renamed Electrium.

Chris Thomas, *who joined* Hanson 16 years ago when it acquired Ever Ready, will become chief executive and David Norman and Andrew Kitchen become *joint* managing directors.

Andrew Dougal, Hanson's chief executive, said that the sale continued its strategy of returning *to its buiding* products roots. He said that the move was in line with last month's £78 million acquisition of Concrete Pipes and Products, *which shot Hanson* to the leading position in the US pipes markets.

The move had been expected in the City, and Hanson's *shares rose 3p to 298½p*. Analysts said the electrical business did not fit well with the company's global ambitions. Some expect the crane *division will be the next for the* auction block in the long term, but nothing is expected until the end of the year.

Hanson, which first *moved into wiring in 1982*, was building up its electrical arm as late as 1995 after buying the electrical cordset business of Moulinex.

Hanson, which 12 months ago ran an empire spanning tobacco, chemicals and energy companies, is now valued at £1.92 billion and is close to *falling out of the FT-SE 100*. Its shares closed 2p up at 297½p yesterday.

GEC-Alsthom wins £100m train deal

By Christine Buckley

GATWICK *EXPRESS* yesterday became the second privatised rail operator to place a big order *for new* trains, with a £100 million deal for GEC-Alsthom.

The order is expected to be followed by a steady stream of purchases in what will amount to at least £1.5 billion of work on new *rolling* stock as new rail franchisees honour agreements reached with the regulator when they bid for former British Rail routes.

National *Express* Group, owner of Gatwick Express, struck the deal with GEC-Alsthom — one of three large UK-based train manufacturers — after more than 20 international groups bid for the order. The manufacturer faces strict financial penalties if it fails to deliver the eight trains in the record time stipulated in the deal. GEC-Alsthom has fallen behind with three other orders, including work for London Underground.

The Gatwick Express order helps to secure the 1,800 jobs at GEC-Alsthom's main plant, at Washwood Heath, Birmingham. The new trains are expected to cut *five minutes off* the 30 minute-journey from London to the airport.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Avonmore launches bid for Waterford

AVONMORE *FOODS has launched* its formal offer for Waterford, the fellow Irish foods manufacturer, valuing the *target at Ir£281 million*. Waterford revealed on Friday that it had received an approach from Avonmore that might lead to a bid. Yesterday it said it had received a formal proposal to form an enlarged group to be called Avonmore Waterford Group and that it was considering the offer. Another statement will be made in due course.

Under the deal, which Avonmore emphasised was a friendly offer, *Waterford shareholders* would be offered one Avonmore share for every two Waterford shares in an all-*share* deal valuing the target's shares at 114p compared with a price of 95p at close of business on Friday. Avonmore said the food sector was facing a period of enormous change and challenge that could "*potentially have very adverse effects* on the incomes and livelihoods of farmer members of both *organisations*".

Shield allays fears

SHIELD DIAGNOSTICS, the Dundee company with a potentially revolutionary test for the risk of heart disease, has sought to calm investor fears that Drew Scientific has developed a rival product. Shield said it is working on ways to detect homocysteine, believed to be a cause of heart disease. A possible test *for homocysteine* is understood to be the basis of the recent surge in Drew's share price from 20p to 140p. Shield shares ended down 30p at 607½p, having touched 572½p.

Fyffes issues warning

FYFFES, the fresh produce group that acquired Geest's banana business a year ago, said yesterday that half-year profits may fall below last year's level after subdued trading in the *first few months* of this year. Neil McCann, chairman, blamed falling prices and unfavourable currency trends. Trading has since picked up and the company is hoping for a better second half. At the *halfway stage* last year, pre-tax profits were up 16.8 per cent at Ir£20.8 million. Fyffes shares fell 4p to 95p.

BT seeks MCI approval

BT is today seeking shareholder approval to buy MCI, Am*erica's second largest long distance phone* company, for £13 billion. The two companies have just formed an alliance with Portugal Telecom, which is to become the exclusive distributor of the joint BT/MCI Concert services in Portugal, with BT spending £46 million for a 1 per cent stake in Portugal *Telecom and MCI buying 0.5 per cent for £23 million*. Concert provides voice and data products. **Pennington, page 29**

Flextech joint venture

SHAREHOLDERS of Flextech, the cable and satellite TV programmer, yesterday approved the formation of a £150 million joint venture with BBC Worldwide, the commercial arm of the BBC. The joint venture is to launch eight new *subscription TV channels, most of them based on* BBC programming, in the autumn. Flextech is controlled by Tele-Communications International, the overseas arm of TCI, America's largest cable company.

Wardle Storeys steady

WARDLE STOREYS, the parachutes and plastic sheeting company, reported pre-tax profits unchanged at *£4.82 million in the six months to February 28. Gains* made by its inflatable products arm were offset by the completion of several contracts in other divisions. Turnover of £54.11 million compared with £53.79 million previously. Earnings fell to 12.3p (12.5p) a share, but the interim dividend rises 8.3 per cent to 6.5p. *It is due July* 1.

Granada write-off

GRANADA, the media and hotels group, is to write off about £160 million of goodwill associated with the acquisition several years ago of its computer services operations. The write-down, a non-cash adjustment, will appear in the interim profit and loss *statement* in June. The division, which made profits of £9 million last year, provides computer maintenance to corporations and a computer disaster recovery service. There is speculation that Granada is *preparing to sell the business*.

Coca-Cola advances

COCA-COLA *reported* a 38 *per cent jump in first-quarter* earnings to $987 million from $713 million. Sales fell 2 per cent to $4.1 billion, after the disposal of bottling operations in France, Belgium and Germany. Earnings were 40 cents a share, including a gain of 8 cents from the sale of its 49 per cent stake in Coca-Cola & *Schweppes Beverages, up from* 28 cents. Worldwide case volume was up 9 per cent and included a similar 9 per cent volume growth in America.

Doeflex leaps 59%

DOEFLEX, the chemical technology group, raised pre-tax profits by 59 per cent to £4.8 million in the year to December 31 after a 26 per cent rise in sales to £72.4 million. Earnings per share rose 31 per cent to 22.4p and total dividends went up 15 per cent to 7.7p after a rise in the final from 4.6p to 5.2p. Richard Bickerton, the chairman, said: "We believe we are well equipped to continue to produce consistent above average growth in dividends and earnings per share."

Jarvis shares improve

SHARES of Jarvis, the construction and facilities management group, rose 15½p to 240p after it *announced stronger* than expected trading for the six months to March 31. The company, which bought one of Railtrack's maintenance *construction units last* year and was recently selected as preferred bidder for the first school to be built *under* the Private Finance Initiative, said that its *rationalisation costs* had also been lower than expected.

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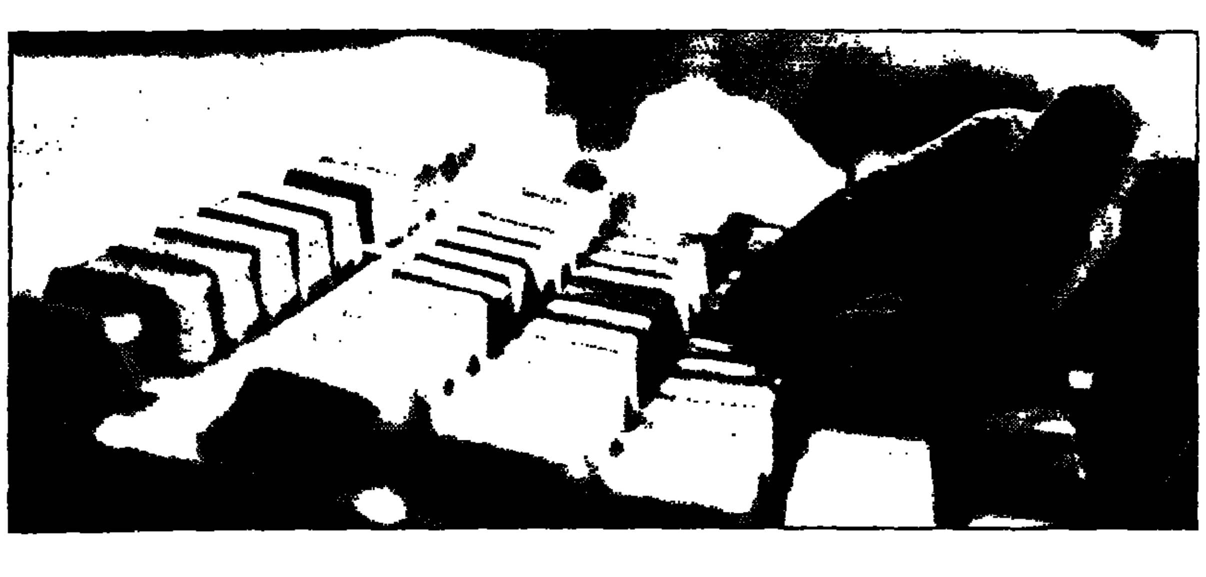

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	Number of companies	Market Cap $bn	Fund Management Groups	Sell side Analysts
UK Larger Company	350	1,415	100	1,740
UK Smaller Company	750	115	100	1,224
Continental European Larger Company	350	2,374	100	2,756
Global Emerging Market Company	1,200	688	150	1,689
US Larger Company	500	5,972	150	Pub. June

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Shoe plan could cost Sears £300m

By Sarah Cunningham

SEARS could *face* costs of up to £300 million if it proceeds with plans to sell or close large parts of its troubled British Shoe Corporation subsidiary, according to *City analysts*.

Liam Strong, the beleaguered chief executive, will present a restructuring plan to the board of Sears next week, hoping to put an end to persistent calls for his resignation.

Mr Strong, whose plan is not yet finalised, is thought *likely* to propose that large parts of BSC be closed or sold. Nick Bubb, retail analyst with Mees Pierson, said that such a move could cost between £200 *million and £300 million*.

With efforts being made to sell Freemans, Sears's catalogue business, the group could be left with just Selfridges *and its women's* wear division

Sir Bob Reid, chairman of Sears, continues to back Mr Strong, but speculation is growing that efforts will be made by non-executive directors and institutional share*holders to unseat both*.

If Mr Strong's proposal is accepted by the board, details are likely to be announced at the same time as results on *April 29*.

Pearl gives AMP a boost

By Marianne Curphey

A ONE-OFF *payment to share*holders from surplus assets in the life fund led to a better than expected result at Pearl, the UK pensions provider, and helped *to flatter profits at AMP*, Pearl's Australian parent.

AMP, which is *preparing* to demutualise, yesterday unveiled a rise in profits from *A$1.9 billion to A$2.1 billion* (about £1 billion) for 1996. The figures were swelled by an improvement in Pearl's new business written which rose *from £87 million to just under* £90 million.

Pearl's profit figures have yet to be released, but will include a one-off payment of £35 mil*lion from the "orphan"* or surplus assets in the life fund.

A further £960 million has been approved by the Department of Trade and Industry as *attributable to Pearl's share*holders, but AMP has promised to keep the sum in Pearl's long-term life fund for at least five years. Pearl's two million *with-profits policyholders will* share in a £315 million special bonus. The individual payments will vary in size.

AMP also revealed that Virgin Direct, the 50-50 *joint* venture with the Virgin Group, has pulled in more than £50 million in the past week.

Ostrich scheme man faces DTI attack on new project

By Robert Miller

A COMPANY executive previously involved with an ostrich farming venture and a failed pyramid selling scheme is understood to be running the latest money circulation venture *to be the target of* legal action by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

Inquiries by *The Times* have found that Kevin Jones, who used to head Alchemy, a pyramid selling scheme *wound up by the DTI* in 1994 after 6,000 people lost about £3 million, is the operator and controller behind Illuminati.

Last year Mr Jones was recruited to market the Ostrich Farming Corporation (OFC), in which investors bought ostriches *for as much* as £14,500 a bird. The OFC is the subject of an investigation by the Serious Fraud Office.

In the High Court last week, *the DTI, acting on* "public interest" grounds, sought to have Drukwerk Adviesburo View, a Dutch company trading in the UK as Illuminati, wound up. The Official Receiver was appointed provisional liquidator to the scheme until a full hearing on May 21.

Mr Jones, who is named in documents filed in the High Court, is believed to run Illuminati from The Netherlands, where the company was incorporated in 1974 as a *marketing* agency. The sole director is Edwinus White.

Thousands of *Illuminati* investors were recruited at meetings held throughout the UK, but mainly in London, the Midlands and the North West. *Illuminati had an* entry fee of £660.

The DTI has acted against 17 money circulation schemes, in which investors have lost *more than* £25 million. The largest of these was Titan, a scheme described in Parliament as "an iniquitous pyramid selling scam".

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.17	2.01
Austria Sch	20.63	19.13
Belgium Fr	60.73	56.23
Canada $	2.398	2.218
Cyprus Cyp£	0.868	0.808
Denmark Kr	11.20	10.40
Finland Mkk	8.88	8.18
France Fr	9.84	9.14
Germany Dm	2.98	2.74
Greece Dr	455	429
Hong Kong $	13.34	12.24
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Israel Shk	5.81	5.16
Italy Lira	2909	2709
Japan Yen	219.70	203.70
Malta	0.658	0.603
Netherlds Gld	3.327	3.057
New Zealand $	2.49	2.27
Norway Kr	11.84	11.04
Portugal Esc	291.50	271.50
S Africa Rd	7.82	7.02
Spain Pta	248.50	229.50
Sweden Kr	13.18	12.18
Switzerland Fr	2.50	2.32
Turkey Lira	220278	206278
USA $	1.725	1.599

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

☐ Regan the Barbarian cannot breach the mutual gate ☐ BT's MCI deal prompts question ☐ Cordiant hunts for a strategy

Don Quixote tilts at the Co-op

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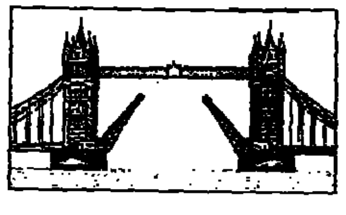

☐ EITHER Andrew Regan is the Don Quixote of corporate finance or he knows something everyone else does not. Attempting to take over a mutual society is a pretty thankless task — as Nick Ward at Macarthys, the drug distributor, found when he tried to mount a bid for UniChem when it was a mutual society. The defeat brought about Mr Ward's own demise, ending up at Brent Walker. Add the facts that the CWS board is apparently unanimously against Mr Regan's proposals (despite not having received them yet), and that it speaks for 70 per cent of the votes within CWS, and his attack looks like tilting at windmills.

But judging by yesterday's nervous presentation to the City — full of comments about "black propaganda" and "asset-stripping middlemen" — the Co-operative Wholesale Society has been unsettled by young Mr Regan. Having been in the job less than six months, Graham Melmoth, the CWS chief executive, sounded less than convincing when he said radical plans to shake up the Co-operative movement had not been hurried by the attentions of Mr Regan's Lanica or Galileo or whatever he is calling his bidding group today.

Mr Melmoth's masterplan involves bringing together the CWS, the Co-operative Retail Society, the Co-operative Retail Trading Group and the Consortium of Independent Co-operatives into one group which will buy and sell collectively under the Co-op name. The business will have more than £4 billion of sales in food retailing, putting it about fifth, saving millions in costs. This seems such a sensible suggestion that one wonders why no one thought of it before. Well they did, in 1994, when a CRS proposal was rejected by guess who? That's right. The CWS. And the CRS is none too pleased about the CWS's U-turn.

Mr Regan is therefore taking on the role of a barbarian at the gate — though not a particularly fearsome or well-backed one. Faced by an attack on "133 years of Co-operative trading" the movement is galvanising itself so that it may organise into a coherent structure and get rid of some of the things that it really should not own, such as a shirt maker, a chain of Volvo garages or an airport in East Anglia. Then it can concentrate on what it is good at, retailing. These supposedly disastrous figures show CWS with a 4 per cent profit margin in its specialist retailing businesses and just 1 per cent on its food side. The group should be making 10 per cent and 5 per cent respectively, giving it a profit of about £150 million. This would mean it was worth much more than £1 billion, putting it well out of the reach of Mr Regan who will have spent more than £1 million of his and his friends' money to be little more than a stalking horse.

Dreams so far from reality

☐ WEMBLEY is known as the field of dreams. But British Telecom shareholders gathering there this morning are in for a nasty dose of reality once they cast their votes in favour BT's £13 billion purchase of MCI, the American long-distance carrier. BT claims that with MCI at its side they can stride together to conquer new markets and is so certain that shareholders will buy into the dream that it will pay MCI $450 million if the unthinkable happens and they give it the thumbs down.

There is another virtual certainty today. Unless some canny shareholders ask, Sir Iain Vallance and Sir Peter Bonfield will not volunteer their thoughts on the US Telecommunications Act, the most radical piece of communications legislation since AT&T was dismantled in the early 1980s. The Act, which came into effect last year, was designed to eliminate the industry's remaining trade barriers, allowing the long-distance carriers such as MCI, the regional and local carriers, and the cable companies to compete in each other's markets.

The Act was supposed to trigger a free-for-all, but it has created more problems than it has solved. The local monopolies remain intact and as impenetrable as ever, partly because of the enormous costs of developing new infrastructure and partly because the Act has created an economic and legal nightmare. It never spelt out who should pay for providing universal service and set no guidelines on how the various players should split the access and interconnection charges. It may take years before the Federal Communications Commission, the state regulatory agencies and the courts make some sense of these issues.

The upshot is that MCI's planned attack on the local markets, its biggest potential area of growth, will proceed at a snail's pace until the mess left by the Act is cleared up. MCI may turn out to be the right acquisition for BT, but when?

Breaking up is hard to do

☐ SO what is happening at Discordiant, as it is now known among the ponytail set? True North, the US advertising agency whose name has more direction than its strategy, aparently wants to buy Bates, the other network Cordiant owns apart from Saatchi & Saatchi. But it has yet to table an offer. Cordiant says Bates is not for sale unless the offer from True North is too good to refuse.

Meanwhile the other suggestion is that Saatchi will do a management buyout. Well a successful MBO needs M and the succession issue is a bit of a hot potato at Saatchi & Saatchi. The nominal head of the network, Ed Wax, is close to retirement and Jennifer Laing, the Ferrari driving star who was brought back to save the London agency, is mired in sorting out the US arm. And then there is the perennial suggestion that Zenith, the media buyer, could be floated.

We are told the Cordiant board is meeting today to discuss a strategy to push the shares to 200p. Well thank heavens for that. One can only wonder what Charles Scott, the chaiman, and Bob Seelert, the chief executive, are doing to justify a combined pay package of over £800,000? A package by the way which is more than twice the size of Lord Saatchi's so-called corporate excesses, which were considered so generous that he had to be forced out of the company.

The good old days?

☐ AS WE said last week, a new name will be needed for the Ken and Eddie show, the monthly meetings between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England, should Ken be forced to vacate No 11. As the Gordon and Edward show was deemed unsuitable, a reader suggests we use their surnames, so unsettling anyone who remembers the 1960s, with the George Brown show.

Rising value of sterling takes its toll at ABF

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

ASSOCIATED British Foods revealed that the rising value of sterling hit profits by £11 million in the first half and is likely to take £30 million off full-year profits.

City followers were disappointed by the results, which came in below most forecasts, and by the lack of news on acquisitions. The shares closed down 13p at 508½p.

An announcement on acquisitions was expected in the wake of the sale last month of ABF's Irish food retailing business to Tesco for £630 million, giving ABF cash of about £1.5 billion.

Garry Weston, chairman, said yesterday that ABF could stretch to making acquisitions of up to £3 billion, but he was in no rush. He added: "It is a big-responsibility holding this cash, but prices are pretty high, the timing is important."

In the 24 weeks to March 1, ABF's pre-tax profit was 2 per cent higher at £201 million. Operating profit was steady at £181 million.

The £11 million currency hit resulted from lower selling prices and margins after the realignment of the green pound, translation differences on ABF's overseas results, competition from lower priced imports and loss of sales and margins on export opportunities.

In the first half British Sugar's operating profits were £3 million lower at £84 million on turnover 4 per cent down in volume terms at £389 million. Changes to the green pound cost £6 million.

Twinings tea and Burton's biscuits performed well, but Allied Bakeries experienced extremely difficult trading, with some loss of sales volume in the period. Investment income was £22 million, down from £28 million a year ago. That was blamed partly on a particularly poor return achieved by an individual fund manager retained by ABF.

Weston: "timing important"

Mr Weston, who turns 70 later this month, said that ideally he would like ABF to make a large purchase this year, but he dismissed the notion of bidding for Tate & Lyle: "It is a high-priced business for a single product."

He said he was not yet sure whether ABF would bid for any of Unilever's speciality chemical businesses that have been put up for sale.

Possibilities exist to make large acquisitions from demerging food and agribusiness groups in the US, he said. But for the moment, talks are under way to make only minor acquisitions, for about £20 million, of two specialised US fats businesses. Returning cash to shareholders would be considered only if no attractively priced acquisitions could be found, he said.

Earnings per share were 14.5p (14.3p). An unchanged interim dividend of 4.25p will be paid on September 1.

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Proudfoot suffers £33m loss

PROUDFOOT, the troubled management consultancy, incurred a £33.2 million loss before tax in 1996, compared with a £1.9 million loss in 1995 (Adam Jones writes).

The deficit followed the sale of Crosby, its training and education subsidiary, to Philip Crosby, the founder, for a nominal sum. The sale involved the reinstatement of goodwill previously written off after the purchase in 1989, crystallising a book loss of £37.8 million.

Operating profit rose to £5.3 million, after a £2.7 million loss in 1995. Turnover was down 28 per cent to £56.6 million.

One third of the decline in consulting revenues resulted from the closure of local operations in Spain, South-East Asia and Mexico. Dividend payments remain suspended until financial performance stabilises.

GUS strengthens data business with $299m deal

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

GREAT Universal Stores, Britain's largest agency mail order group, reinforced its US data business yesterday with the acquisition of Direct Marketing Technology for up to $299 million.

The group said Direct Tech will complement Experian, the credit information business for which it paid £1.04 billion last year. It is paying $222.5 million for the equity in Direct Tech, and repaying debts of $23.7 million. Depending on the improvement in its trading performance between now and 2001, further cash payments of up to $52.5 million may be made.

Illinois-based Direct Tech employs 570 people and is the market leader in direct marketing services to the US catalogue industry, with clients in the high technology and retail sectors. In the year to November 30, revenues were $65 million and operating profits were $15 million. Net assets are $8 million.

Eric Barnes, deputy chairman of GUS, said that the acquisition of Direct Tech should be immediately earnings enhancing. Shares in GUS rose 7p to 633½p in response to the deal.

Mr Barnes said GUS is unlikely to make further purchases in the area of information. "We've achieved what we set out to do," he said.

The group, which reported its first profits fall in 48 years in December because of a decline in is British mail order operations, is now looking carefully at that division. He said that if any attractive mail order acquisition came along GUS would look at it.

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De La Rue sheds jobs in revamp

ABOUT 400 jobs are to be lost in a major reorganisation of De La Rue's security print manufacturing operations in Britain (Martin Barrow writes).

The restructuring, intended to cut costs by up to £7 million a year, will affect production of banknotes, traveller's cheques, personal cheques and certificates and will result in closure of a factory at Dunstable, Bedfordshire. Manufacture of traveller's cheques will be transferred from the Gateshead factory to Thomas De La Rue Inc. in Washington, and Harrison & Sons, at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. Banknote production will be switched from High Wycombe to Gateshead and other sites worldwide. The changes will cost about £15 million in the results for the year to March 31. De La Rue shares rose 25p, to 554p.

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STOCK MARKET **MICHAEL CLARK**

Shares climb back after early Wall Street jitters

THE London stock market *stood up well to Wall Street's* latest bout of jitters, with share prices halving earlier falls.

Government securities drew encouragement from the fall *in the March* factory gate prices, although it seems that a rise in interest rates after the general election is now inevitable and has already been factored in.

The 148-point fall in the Dow Jones industrial average *on Friday, its eighth-biggest* one-day fall, triggered a sharp markdown first thing. But the absence of any selling pressure and a steadier opening performance in New York enabled the FT-SE 100 index to halve an earlier 38-point deficit *to end* 19.0 down at 4,251.7.

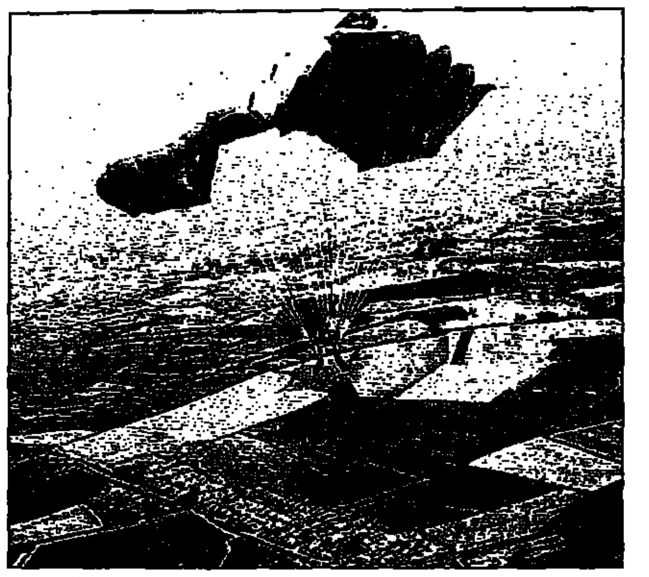
The shake-out, however, did succeed in deterring investors from opening *fresh positions*, with the total number of shares changing hands a lowly 650 million.

On the high street, **Great Universal Stores** rose 7p to 633½p after hitting the acquisition trail. It is paying up to *£184 million* for Direct Marketing Technology in the US. ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, responded warmly to news of the deal and began pushing the shares, while SBC Warburg has upgraded its recommendation from "reduce" to "hold".

Hoare's move coincided with stories circulating that Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale will step down early from the **Next** board and concentrate his efforts on GUS. It is feared this could lead to an increase *in competitive pressures for* Next, down 10p at 621½p, which has been enjoying some of the strongest growth of all the retailers.

Formal Group, the retailer, was left nursing a fall of 4½p at 40½p after issuing a profits warning and plans *to* hive off its Blakes Menswear business in separate stock market listing. It is in talks with potential buyers about the rest of the business.

There was demand again for the utility companies as institutional investors decided they were a good defensive move. Some have even gone as far to suggest that the proposed windfall taxation may not prove as bad as first feared. The best gains were seen among the electricity companies, where **National Power** resisted the downward pull of the rest of the market to finish 9½p better at 535p.



Wardle Storeys, parachute makers, dropped 12p to 413p

Gains were also seen in **PowerGen**, 10½p to 638½p, **Southern Electric**, 8p to 428p½, **Northern Ireland Electricity**, 5p to 367½p, and **National Grid**, 5p to 222p. Among the water companies, **Anglian Water** *rose 11p to* 662½p, and **Wessex** 2p to 389½p.

The heaviest turnover among blue chip companies was in **BAT Industries**, where 43 million were traded as the *price dipped 1p to 510p*. **De La Rue** stood out with a jump of 29½p to 558½p. In a thin market a total of 567,876 shares changed hands.

Associated British Foods refused to be drawn on what it intends doing with its growing *cash mountain. Speculation in* the City talks of an outright bid for **Tate & Lyle**, up 3p at 533p, or the acquisition of Quest, the flavours and fragrances arm of Unilever. The AB Foods share price dropped 13p to 508½p after reporting a 2 per cent increase in group profits during the first six *months, with a drop in profits* reported at its British Sugar subsidiary.

The latest update of its Activated Factor Twelve, designed to identify heart disease early on, prompted *profit-taking* at **Shield Diagnostics**, with the price ending 30p lower at 607½p.

A profits warning took its toll of **On-Line**, which ended the session 12p lower at 52½p. The company says that revenue from Internet sales will be *"significantly reduced"*.

Confirmation of weekend reports that **Bardon Group** is to merge with **Camas**, its rival, saw its share price firm 3p to 44½p. Aggregate Industries, the new company, will be valued at £500 million-plus and be the fifth largest supplier of aggregates in Britain. Camas was 9½p better at 93½p.

The news that margins had come under pressure from cheap foreign imports for electrical accessories left **Arlen** 5p lower at 40½p. The pound's strength also posed problems.

A flat first-half profits performance from **Wardle Storeys** *saw it come to earth with* a bump as the price dropped 12p to 413p. The diversified industrial group, which makes eveything from plastic sheeting to parachutes and inflatable systems, reported stagnant pre-tax profits of £4.8 *million. Despite this, the* group raised its payout from 12.3p to 12.5p.

Details of the £268 million bid from **Avonmore Foods** lifted **Waterford Foods** 10p to 105p. Avonmore is offering one of its shares for every two Waterford, valuing the dairy products supplier at 114p a share. Avonmore closed 1½p *firmer at 220p*.

Jarvis put on 15½p to close at 240p, just 4p below its high for the year. The construction group says results for the 15 months to April will be substantially above earlier forecasts.

Chelsea Village celebrated with a rise of 5p to 123½p after the Premiership side secured its place in the final of the FA Cup after a comfortable 3-0 win over Wimbledon.

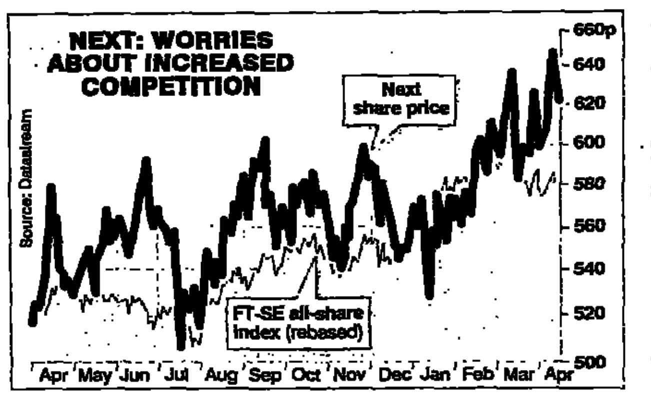
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Reassured by weaker than expected March factory gate numbers, prices ticked gradually better yesterday. But with a welter of economic news expected out on both sides of the Atlantic *this week, few investors were* ready to place much emphasis on these latest numbers.

The June series of the long gilt firmed £¼ to £107²⁷⁄₃₂ in thin trading that saw the total number of contracts completed reach just 38,000.

Treasury 8 per cent 2015 put on £³⁄₃₂ at £102¹⁵⁄₃₂, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was seven ticks better at £102¹⁄₁₆.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares pared lossses in early trading, getting some support from corporate earnings reports. By *midday they remained in negative ground*, with the Dow Jones industrial average 14.85 points lower at 6,376.84.

SkyePharma responded to fresh institutional support with a *jump of 8p to 83p. Mercury Asset Management has picked* up a further 500,000 shares. The renewed interest follows a positive presentation given by the pharmaceutical company to fund managers at SBC Warburg, the broker, on Friday.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 6376.84 (-14.85)
S&P Composite .... 735.95 (-1.70)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 17692.47 (-154.51)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 12295.97 (-220.63)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 716.21 (-8.17)

Sydney:
AO .... 2366.1 (-14.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 3279.90 (-60.15)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2034.64 (-33.84)

Brussels:
General .... 11764.84 (-67.55)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 2566.13 (-8.43)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 962.30 (-2.70)

London:
FT 30 .... 2813.3 (-6.7)
FTSE 100 .... 4251.7 (-19.0)
FTSE 250 .... 4505.8 (-28.0)
FTSE 350 .... 2097.4 (-10.1)
FTSE Eurotrack 100 .... 2145.23 (-25.64)
FTSE All-Share .... 2070.0 (-9.82)
FTSE Non Financials ... 2131.71 (-10.15)
FTSE Fixed Interest .... 116.41 (+0.06)
FTSE Govt Secs .... 93.64 (+0.18)
Bargains 42369
SEAQ Volume 651.7m
US$ .... 1.6223 (-0.0032)
German Mark .... 2.7960 (-0.0059)
Exchange Index .... 99.4 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.4254
£:SDR 1.1877
RPI .... 155.0 Feb (2.7%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX .... 154.5 Feb (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Aurora Inv Trust	100		...
Avalon Oil	86½	-	3
Avis Europe	127	-	2½
Bickerton	41½		...
Cambridge Antibdy	570		...
Charlton Athletic	57	-	3½
Close Bros Prot VCT	95		...
Diagonal	313	-	8½
Donatantonio	72		...
Harvey Nash	205½	-	1
Heal's	212½		...
Helphire Group	114½	-	½
Murray VCT 2 (100)	102½		...
Newcastle Utd	133½	-	2½
Northstar Secs	28½		...
Oxford Tech Venture	95		...
Pathfinder Properties	35½	-	2
Prestbury Leisure	2½		...
Q Group	115½		...
Sibir Energy	15½	-	½
Torch Hldgs	107½		...
United Overseas Grp	60	-	½
Whitehead Mann	145½		...
Worldsec	177		...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Biocure n/p (9)	23½	+	1
Edge Prop n/p (135)	15½		...
Luminar n/p (320)	49½		...
Saville Grdn n/p (55)	1	+	¼

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
SkyePharma .... 83p (+8)
ML Laboratories .... 192½p (+15p)
Jarvis .... 240p (+15½p)
Blacks Leis .... 418½p (+10p)
Caird Gp .... 767½p (+10p)
Cranswick .... 256½p (+14p)

FALLS:
English Nat .... 200p (-10p)
Shield Diag .... 607½p (-30p)
Innovative Tech .... 310p (-10p)
Cortecs .... 223½p (-9p)
Telspec .... 257½p (-10p)
AEA Tech .... 483p (-17p)
Stagecoach .... 617½p (-21p)
Peptide Thera .... 297½p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Terminal delay

HOW many British businesses can boast a market growing at two to three times the rate of the British economy? BAA's traffic figures *demonstrated the strength of its underlying* business but the throng passing through the airports also exposed BAA's problem.

The share price of the airports group hardly reflects the potential of a 5-6 per cent annual growth rate. *Fear of Labour's windfall tax explains, in part, the flat performance over the* past year. BAA has some good arguments for its exclusion from the levy: the airports were not privatised on the cheap and the company is *investing heavily in public transport*, one of Labour's sacred cows. Yet, even if BAA is taxed, the one-off cost should not hurt its long-term prospects and BAA's regulator, ever sympathetic, could adjust the pricing formula if there was *any* risk of damaging the £1.5 billion investment programme. The real worry is the delay to the Terminal 5 project which is two years behind schedule but contractors reckon could slip by between three and five.

The fear is that BAA's *growth will be* stymied by lack of space. Overflow from *cramped* Heathrow is currently spilling into Gatwick and Stansted but BAA insists that space will run out soon at those airports too. Cynics believe BAA protests too much, and the company is already putting in place mini-projects *to shoe-horn* more people into the London airports, should Terminal 5 be interminably delayed, raising the prospect of a burst of profits in the near term without the cost of a mega-project like Terminal 5. A *regulator of the Ofgas variety* might look into such a scenario but the CAA is not known for taking such initiatives.

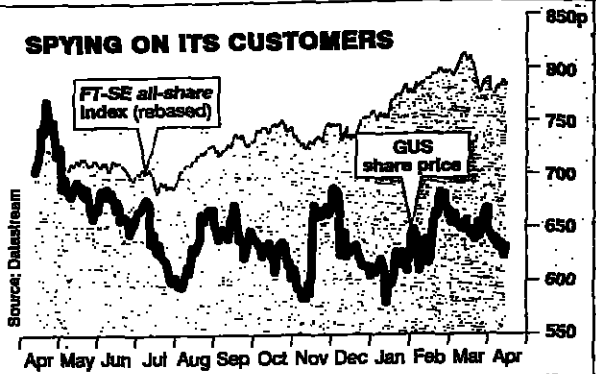
GUS

THE piggy bank at Great Universal Stores has been raided for a second time leaving GUS looking leaner and healthier. Yesterday's purchase of Direct Marketing Technology *for £184 million* is pricey, but such businesses are highly rated in the US. More importantly, it is a good fit with Experian, which GUS acquired for £1 billion for last year.

While Experian provides *credit information. Direct* Tech specialises in transaction information: the sort of data that supermarkets accumulate from their loyalty cards — what you buy, when, how often. Putting the two together makes sense, as *GUS can probably sell both* types of data as a package deal.

The two acquisitions leave GUS looking quite different *to a year ago, before Lord* Wolfson of Sunningdale took the helm from his cousin, Lord Wolfson. Indeed analysts now expect more than half of group profits to come from the information rather than the *home shopping side of the* business next year.

This is not to say, however, that GUS is ignoring home *shopping.* **With some £500 million of cash, about equal to its borrowings, GUS could push its *mail order business* upmarket with acquisitions, and remove its heavy dependency on the declining agency business. Once this side of the business is re-focused, GUS will look not just healthy, but downright attractive.**



Bardon/Camas

AGGREGATE Industries sounds so insufferably dull that one might be tempted to see a front for a secret military *complex — missile silos* concealed in quarries. Unfortunately, it is, indeed, a straightforward merger between two sand and gravel companies. Bardon and Camas are combining to create a stronger business here and in America. The £10 million target for savings and efficiencies is there to be beaten, even *if there is, as claimed, little* scope for job cuts.

Billed as a merger, neither company seems to have the upper hand. As a consequence, *no fewer than 11* directors have scrambled into the new boardroom, and one outsider has still to join. This is surely too many. Aggregate will not help itself if it starts life top heavy.

Both companies have been *a dismal investment but a* revival in UK housebuilding is boosting the price of aggregates, providing grounds for *hope. But it will remain* exposed to a brutal trading cycle: the UK has given up on road-building, and the *US* economy (where the new company has 45 per cent of its sales) must eventually falter. Those risks may discourage *new investors, but* existing holders should have little difficulty in approving the merger.

ABF

THOSE seeking a target for *Associated British Foods* are sounding increasingly desperate. Tate & Lyle was trotted out as a candidate yesterday; someone clearly forgot the existence of the Office of Fair Trading and the possibility that it might object to ABF cornering the sugar market in Britain. A more likely target would be a Tate & Lyle competitor, the CPC corn *milling* business, which *is currently for sale.*

Cash now accounts for about a third of the value of ABF, a fact that consumes the City with anguish but does not unduly disturb Garry Weston, ABF's chairman, who is waiting for the right deal. In the meantime, not everything is going right — the rise of sterling against the Ecu has an inconvenient ef*fect on the green pound* and the price of sugar products. Currency also hurt ABF's treasury activities as one of the fund management groups hired to invest the cash took a wrong view on the yen and put too much in *Japanese bonds.*

Clearly, ABF is better off processing food than being a bank but investors should not complain if Mr Weston takes his time. Since 1990, ABF has delivered a 17 per cent total compound annual return to its shareholders compared with 12 per cent for the market as a whole. Backing Mr Weston's tortoise might prove safer than chasing hares.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

May	1013-1012	Jul	1052-1049
Jul	1029-1027	Sep	1059 BID
Sep	1039-1037	Dec	1072-1070
Dec	1021-1019	Mar	[illegible]
Mar	1031-1029		
May	1041-1039	Volume:	4339

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	1553-1551	Jan	1560-1545
Jul	1570-1565	Mar	1545-1530
Sep	1575-1570	May	[illegible]
Nov	1570-1560	Volume:	[illegible]

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	302.0-01.5
Spot 312.0		Mar	302.2-01.5
May	307.7-07.4	May	302.1-00.3
Aug	[illegible]	Aug	unq
Oct	[illegible]	Volume:	[illegible]

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	81.54	132.12	[illegible]
(+/-)	-5.02	-13.57	-1.59
Eng/Wales	81.84	133.69	[illegible]
(+/-)	-5.02	-13.52	-1.77
(%)	+31.0	-50.9	[illegible]
Scotland	unq	121.71	[illegible]
(+/-)		-19.42	+0.77
(%)		[illegible]	[illegible]

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.65	+0.10
Brent 15 day (May)	18.20	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.40	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (May)	19.55	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	19.90	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	196 (n/c)	197 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	168 (n/c)	169 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	79 (n/c)	81 (n/c)
Naphtha	151 (n/c)	156 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

May	165.00-65.25	Aug	[illegible]
Jun	166.00-66.25	Sep	[illegible]
Jul	167.75-68.00	Vol:	[illegible]

BRENT (6.00pm)

May	18.19-18.22	Aug	[illegible] BID
Jun	18.39-18.40	Sep	[illegible]
Jul	18.51 BID	Vol:	26145

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	99.25	May	92.50
Jul	102.25	Sep	96.25
Sep	99.45	Nov	[illegible]
Nov	101.40	Jan	100.25
Jan	103.40	Mar	102.25
Volume:	761	Volume:	11

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
May	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jun	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nov	[illegible]	[illegible]
Volume:		[illegible]

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

May [illegible]

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Vol: [illegible] Open interest: [illegible]
Index [illegible]

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) ($ olume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lead ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tin ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aluminium HI Gde ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nickel ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Dom..	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
ASDA...	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boots	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Br Airways	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BP	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BAA	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thames W	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BTR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Abbey Nat	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amstrad	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barclays	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat Pwr	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]

FTSE INDEX [illegible]

[illegible]

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Jun 97	108-18	108-31	108-18	108-27	34936
Previous open interest: 173162	Sep 97				109-21	0
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Jun 97	99.87	100.01	99.70	99.91	125385
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Sep 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	625
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Jun 97	127.22	128.51	127.20	128.17	60362
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Sep 97	127.80	[illegible]	127.80	128.10	310
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Jun 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Sep 97	[illegible]	125.25	125.20	125.22	[illegible]
Three Mth Sterling	Jun 97	93.37	93.41	93.37	93.40	10850
	Sep 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	93.14	[illegible]
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Dec 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Three Mth Euromark	Jun 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Sep 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Three Mth Eurolira	Jun 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Sep 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Three Mth Euroyen	Sep 97				[illegible]	0
	Dec 97				[illegible]	0
Three Mth Euroswiss	Jun 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Sep 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Three Mth ECU	Jun 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Sep 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FTSE 100	Jun 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Sep 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse [illegible]
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 5[illegible] Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]; Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible]

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 5[illegible] close 6

Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.58	[illegible]	5.73	5.94	6.34
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $346.40-346.70 **Close:** $346.30-346.60 **High:** $347.40-347.70
Low: $346.00-346.50 **AM:** $346.65 **PM:** $346.75

Krugerrand: $345.50-348.50 (£213.00-215.00)

Platinum: $370.00 (£228.10) **Silver:** $4.73 (£2.915) **Palladium:** $154.25 (£95.10)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 14	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.1375-3.1488	3.1420-3.1440	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	57.550-57.920	57.588-57.636	[illegible]	48-41pr
Copenhagen	10.634-10.668	10.644-10.653	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	1.0485-1.0523	1.0500-1.0523	6-2pr	21-15pr
Frankfurt	2.7914-2.8006	2.7951-2.7976	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	278.77-279.75	279.22-279.51	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	234.99-236.00	235.20-235.41	15-4pr	54-36pr
Milan	2745.7-2757.7	2747.3-2750.5	17-33ds	41-63ds
Montreal	2.2684-2.2714	2.2675-2.2696	0.56-0.50pr	1.12-1.04pr
New York	1.6219-1.6254	1.6222-1.6231	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oslo	11.276-11.315	11.292-11.306	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	9.3930-9.4200	9.4008-9.4085	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	12.345-12.410	12.370-12.385	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	204.79-205.60	204.90-205.11	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	19.634-19.713	19.669-19.690	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.3765-2.3858	2.3814-2.3843	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.7784-1.7789
Austria	12.11-12.12
Belgium (Com)	35.52-35.53
Canada	1.3974-1.3979
Denmark	6.5570-6.5590
France	5.7907-5.7927
Germany	1.7215-1.7225
Hong Kong	7.7490-7.7500
Ireland	1.5452-1.5462
Italy	1692.0-1693.5
Japan	126.38-126.40
Malaysia	2.5085-2.5095
Netherlands	1.9361-1.9366
Norway	[illegible]
Portugal	171.90-172.00
Singapore	1.4410-1.4420
Spain	144.88-144.91
Sweden	[illegible]
Switzerland	1.4662-1.4672

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6213-1.6240
Australia dollar	2.0822-2.0848
Bahrain dinar	[illegible]
Brazil real*	1.7148-1.7192
China yuan	[illegible]
Cyprus pound	0.8275-0.8375
Finland markka	[illegible]
Greece drachma	435.75-442.75
Hong Kong dollar	[illegible]
India rupee	[illegible]
Indonesia rupiah	[illegible]
Kuwait dinar KD	[illegible]
Malaysia ringgit	[illegible]
New Zealand dollar	2.3411-2.3442
Pakistan rupee	[illegible]
Saudi Arabia riyal	[illegible]
Singapore dollar	[illegible]
S Africa rand (com)	[illegible]
U A E dirham	[illegible]

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3I	187	Land Secs	251
ASDA Gp	10,500	Legal & Gn	1,300
Abbey Ntl	2,900	Lloyds TSB	7,600
Allied Dom	1,000	LucasVarity	[illegible]
AB Foods	190	Marks Spr	2,900
BAA	2,400	Mercury Asset	[illegible]
BAT Inds	43,000	NatWst Bk	[illegible]
BG	11,200	Nat Grid	6,700
BOC	2,700	Nat Power	3,400
BP	3,300	Next	2,800
BSkyB	3,700	Orange	[illegible]
BTR	8,700	P & O	1,000
BT	18,700	Pearson	612
Bk of Scot	2,600	PowerGen	1,900
Barclays	2,500	Prudential	1,300
Bass	1,800	RMC	107
Blue Circle	848	RTZ	1,700
Boots	584	Railtrack	2,700
BAe	450	Rank Group	836
BA	498	Reckitt Col	[illegible]
British Land	172	Reed Intl	331
Brit Steel	11,000	Rentokil Inl	1,700
Burmah Cstl	273	Reuters	1,900
Burton	748	*Rolls Royce*	[illegible]
Cable Wire	2,100	Royal & Sun	1,700
Cadbury	1,100	Royal Bk Sct	2,200
Carlton Cms	3,500	Safeway	2,700
Centrica	10,000	Sainsbury	677
Cm Union	1,300	Schroders	86
Dixons	1,600	Scot & New	1,100
EMI	1,000	Scot Power	2,100
Energy Gp	1,700	Sevn Trent	512
Enterpr Oil	3,000	Shell Trans	11,800
GKN	464	Siebe	751
GRE	1,300	SmKl Bch	2,200
GUS	1,400	Smith Nph	2,100
Gen Acc	406	Smiths Inds	165
Gen Elec	4,300	Std Chartd	2,400
Glaxo Well	1,800	TI Gp	302
Granada	4,400	Tate & Lyle	301
Grand Met	1,000	Tesco	8,900
Guinness	4,100	Thames W	683
HSBC	710	Tomkins	5,500
Hanson	1,900	Unilever	958
Hays	1,000	Utd Utilities	2,300
ICI	2,800	Utd News	387
Imp Tob	1,700	Vodafone	[illegible]
Kingfisher	511	Whitbread	621
LASMO	4,200	Wolseley	704
Ladbroke	2,600	Zeneca	1,900

WALL STREET

	Apr 14 midday	Apr 11 close
AMP Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMR Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
ASA	[illegible]	[illegible]
AT & T	[illegible]	[illegible]
Abbott Labs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Advanced Micro	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aetna Life	64	[illegible]
Ahmanson (HF)	36	[illegible]
Air Prod & Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
AirTouch Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alberto-Culver B	[illegible]	[illegible]
Albertsons	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan Alumin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Signal	68	[illegible]
Alum Co of Am	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	48
Amer Brands	[illegible]	49
Amer El Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Express	58	[illegible]
Amer Genl Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Home Pr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Intl	[illegible]	114
Amer Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ameritech	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amoco	81	[illegible]
Anheuser-Busch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Apple Computer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Archer Daniels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armco	4	[illegible]
Armstrong Wrld	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asarco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atl Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]
Auto Data Pro	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avery Dennison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Products	54	[illegible]
Baker Hughes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baltim Gas & El	[illegible]	[illegible]
Banc One	[illegible]	[illegible]
BankAmerica	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tr NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barnett Banks	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bausch & Lomb	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baxter Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bectn Dicknsn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Atlantic	[illegible]	58
Bell Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
BellSouth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Black & Decker	[illegible]	[illegible]
Block (H&R)	[illegible]	30
Boeing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myrs Sq	[illegible]	[illegible]
Browning Ferris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brunswick	[illegible]	27
Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	[illegible]
CMS Energy Corp	[illegible]	32
CNA Financial	[illegible]	103
CPC Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
CSX	[illegible]	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	[illegible]
Can Pacific	[illegible]	23
Carolina Pwr	[illegible]	35
Caterpillar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central & SW	[illegible]	[illegible]
Champion Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhtn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chevron Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chrysler	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chubb Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cigna Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citicorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
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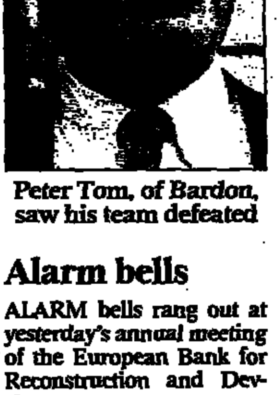
Rules of the Co-op game

GRAHAM MELMOTH, chief executive of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, is clearly feeling the pressure of Lanica Trust's attempt to break up the mutual society. "I feel like we're playing rugby league, on a rugby union playing field, with rugby union rules," he steamed yesterday. This sporting confusion may go a long way to explaining why the CWS annual meeting is being held at the same time as the FA Cup final. In the midst of this crisis in the Co-operative movement, meanwhile, Harry Morror, the chief executive of the Co-operative Retail Society — sister organisation of the CWS — has been called away for three weeks' jury service.

Trying time

THE merger of Bardon and Camas must be built on solid foundations. The gravel pits deal even survived the sound thrashing on the rugby field that Bath handed out to Leicester at the weekend. Bardon's Peter Tom, who moonlights as Leicester's chairman, must have grimaced as he shook hands with a jubilant Maurice Warren of Camas — a long-time Bath supporter and soon to be his new boss.



Peter Tom, of Bardon, saw his team defeated

Alarm bells

ALARM bells rang out at yesterday's annual meeting of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development — on two occasions. Held at London's Guildhall, it was the role of Ruairi Quinn, the Irish Finance Minister, to shepherd delegates out of the Grade I listed building and into an orderly queue. The first was a practice alarm, set for the same time every Monday morning. The second was more serious: an over-excited builder wielded his blow torch a little too close to the smoke alarm.

Small print

BARCLAYS BANK is being taken to task by the Advertising Standards Authority. Objections have been upheld over a recent booklet that claimed on the front "give you up to £150", and, inside, "Switch to a Barclaycard and we'll give you up to £150". Anyone who dipped inside the publication, will have read in very small print, the less exciting news: "We reserve the right to require repayment of the refund in full if in the next 12 months the sum of the annual account fee plus the interest charges paid on your account are less than the amount of the refund."

Party player

NIGELS HAWKINS, traditionally a utilities analyst at Yamaichi Securities, appears to be cutting a tactful path in the run up to the election. Having extended his brief to cover quoted football companies, Hawkins includes a helpful biog in his latest bulletin on the burgeoning sector. For fours years before joining the City in 1988, he was Lady Thatcher's political correspondence secretary. During this period, he stood as Conservative Party candidate at Sedgefield, where he was defeated by one Tony Blair.

MORAG PRESTON

Industrial charm offensive to sell wares of UK plc

Oliver August at the Hanover Trade Fair, co-sponsored by the UK for the first time

Ordinary Germans in the sleepy town of Hanover face the full force of British armour. The RAF's mightiest craft gleam in the harsh spring sun, pregnant with weaponry, while young and old are gushing over UK armoured vehicles and gun barrels.

But this is no military onslaught. The weapons are part of an industrial charm offensive on Germany, Britain's biggest export market. Three hundred of the top UK companies have come to the world's most important trade fair in Hanover this week to boost flagging export sales.

British Aerospace brought the Eurofighter and GEC is displaying its expertise in everything from naval engineering to fighting fires. Also in attendance are Rolls-Royce, BP, SmithKline Beecham and GKN. Shell even tries to turn the Brent Spar nightmare into a public relations asset by showcasing the recycling options for the oil platform.

For the first time, Britain is co-sponsoring the fair. The Department of Trade and Industry is leading the companies into the export battle under the banner "Partnership in innovation". The DTI said: "Our presence is an unparalleled opportunity to show the UK's economic achievements. It is the largest and best showcase for our products and services in Germany, our biggest trading partner for many years."

Ironically, it was Britain that ordered the staging of the first Hanover trade fair in 1947, setting in motion the country's re-emergence as the world's second largest economic power today. It was held in one of the few factory halls that survived the wartime bombings. British lorries ferried around the 700,000 visitors, who could also view Montgomery's victory hill atLueneburger Heide.

On the 50th anniversary of the fair, Britain can be proud of its postwar generosity. But it has no similar fair of its own, nor export sales to match those of Germany. However, the DTI has now figured out a strategy to catch up. Germany built its success on its technology and its ability to find local partners overseas. The DTI would not advocate anything so crude as copying this winning formula, but it comes close. To emphasise that British companies can be equally good partners, engineering concerns with their many international joint ventures are in the limelight in Hanover. BAe derives most of its earnings from multinational defence projects, including a number involving Dasa, its German conterpart. Rolls-Royce and GEC also have major German partners, BMW and Seimens respectively and are working hard this week to remind the German public of this.

The Duke of Edinburgh with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, at the Hanover Trade Fair yesterday

The DTI is is also promoting UK technology. It says: "Britain has more Nobel prize winners than any other country except the United States. In engineering, Britain is a world beater in offshore technology: the Channel Tunnel is one of the largest engineering projects in history. And Formula One cars on the world's race tracks are invariably British technology."

Hence, the emphasis on "innovation". UK exhibitors were told by the DTI that they should strive to change the image of Britain as old-fashioned. "We are a nation at the leading edge of technology," they were told.

But national stereotypes die hard, especially when the German organisers insist on having colourfully uniformed British regimental bands. And Lord Lichfield, who donated £20,000 worth of gin, is exhibiting a collection of photographs dominated by the Royal Family and the English countryside.

Perhaps the DTI should reinterpret British heritage as the secret weapon of British industry. Two separate exhibits in Hanover show how the idea of enterprise in Britain and the country's cultural wealth can form a pincer movement. On the one hand, German visitors are drawn towards the fair by an exhibition of the crown jewels.On the other, visitors are confronted with a table put out by the Investment in Britain Bureau that shows their country is top of the labour cost league while Britain is at the bottom, with hourly work costing more than twice as much in Germany as in Britain.

The main focus of the British effort in Hanover is a round pavilion, erected by the DTI for £1 million. It functions like a traditional market tent in which the wares of UK plc are displayed. The pavilion's designers call in "The Drum". Not only does it look like one but, metaphorically, its purpose is to "beat our drum". There are plans to use it as a travelling platform for UK exporters. The designers would like The Queen to use it when she visits India this summer. But so far the DTI is saying it would be more cost effective to build a new one in India.

The historic tensions between Britons and Germans were still noticeable even 50 years after the first trade fair and the end of the Second World War. Inside The Drum, the *Economist* magazine had a small stand. Cheekily, it displayed an unflattering caracature of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, captioned "Is Kohl in control?"

The Chancellor had fired a warning shot before the start of the fair. He told BAe that he would not be photographed in front of the Eurofighter. The aircraft is being built by a consortium involving BAe and Dasa. But while the British Government has confirmed it will buy the fighter, Herr Kohl has not. When he toured The Drum yesterday, Alan Garwood of BAe tried in vain to motion him towards a mock-up. The Duke of Edinburgh tried as well, even pronouncing Eurofighter in German. But to no avail.Herr Kohl steamed ahead, leaving the Duke pinned against a wall. When he caught up he said: "Das ist Vickers". But the Chancellor continued on his high-speed zigzag course. A team from ICL later grabbed Herr Kohl's attention by walking backwards in front of him while explaining their display. The Chancellor finally came to a stop when he spotted a few photographs of scantily clad British models in the Lichfield collection. He pointed at them and then turned to Anthony Nelson, the UK Trade Minister. Roaring with guttural laughter, Herr Kohl said: "Die obere Reihe." (The upper row). Mr Nelson smiled politely.

The previous evening the Chancellor and the Duke had hosted a dinner for a dozen top British executives.Much to the amazement of the UK contingent, they were seated at a few tables cordoned off by picket fences in the middle of a reception for 1,,500 exhibitors who gawked at them all evening.

The occasion could not have been more different from the last time when Germans and Britons got together to create the world's biggest trade fair. The Great Exhibition of 1851 was opened with imperial pomp in London.

The erection of the Crystal Palace had been the idea of Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, the German husband of Queen Victoria. He was pursuing his own charm offensive to win the trust of his wife's subjects. Luckily for him, his opening greetings to the guests were more tactful than the Duke's words yesterday. He called Herr Kohl "Reichskanzler", the official title of German leaders before 1945, rather than "Budeskanzler".

Successes outshine failings of the glistening bank

Graham Searjeant says the European Bank is moving on

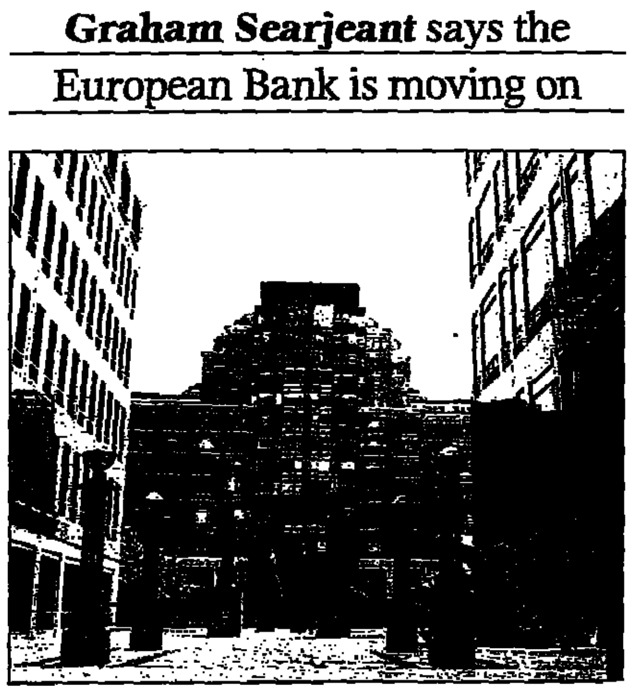
Memo to sensitive international institutions: don't come to London, especially if you are European. We British are only interested in jumped-up foreigners leaping aboard gravy trains, cynical diplomatic infighting and laughable bureaucratic incompetence.

Sadly, the caricature usually masks some substance. Such peccadilloes are only too easy to find if you look for them, as those gathered for more serious business at the annual meeting of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) now know.

A minor dispute over a former executive's expenses looks a pretty thin echo of the long-ago Mr Toadish days of Jacques Attali. This year, however, brings a classic Franco-American wrangle behind the scenes. It is nominally about who should succeed Ron Freeman, the American investment banker who became the most powerful influence in establishing the bank under Jacques de Larosiére, the French mandarin who took over from M Attali.

Such arguments are routine. Quai D'Orsay diplomatic skill brings a rich dividend in ensuring French speakers are over-represented. Perhaps its lobby for a European successor to Mr Freeman, Belgian Guy de Selliers, should not be divorced from the retirement in September of M de Larosière — unless the 68-year-old can be persuaded to stay.

This year's meeting also opened with a topnotch administrative breakdown. International bankers had to wait up to five hours to register, a light-hearted reminder of what the bank is hoping to change for the people of Eastern Europe. Some bankers, notably those who missed a highlight presentation on Russia, failed to appreciate the joke. More were unable to squeeze into meetings in cramped rooms, let alone hear a translation. Ukraine ran its show again for a second house.



EBRD conducts the real business out of the spotlight

All this, the harassed organiser explained, shows how popular Russia and less fashionable East European economies have become — a feeble excuse but true. A few years ago, Ukraine and Bulgaria might have played humiliatingly to empty seats. Now they are courted.

That change shows how the much-mocked EBRD has succeeded over the past four years by conducting its real business quietly and professionally away from the spotlight. Forget diplomatic wrangles. M de Larosiére's stint running the International Monetary Fund gave him the authority to link loan investment with economic reform.

Mr Freeman brought commercial discipline to private sector loans — and thereby limited losses. From work done in the early Attali days, the EBRD has also focused on helping to build local banking and investment structures, the only practical way to help smaller, local businesses.

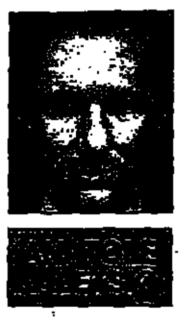
Under this tighter regime, EBRD has committed $10 billion in loans and brought $20 billion investment in their train via co-financing deals. In 1996, the six-year-old bank made a small profit of $6.1 million on $375 million of operating income, committed a further $2.7 billion of loans, expanded its balance sheet to $13 billion and persuaded its once-shirty shareholders to double its capital base.

Its greater achievement is in weaning early customers. The Czech Republic's credit rating is now good enough to manage without the helping hand inspired by François Mitterrand. Poland, Hungary, even Slovenia and some Baltic states could do so too.

Commercial bankers, instead of being grateful, now complain that the European Bank is queering their pitch. That is their way. It makes no sense. As the EBRD's models in Asia and America have learnt, maintaining good business on commercial terms with successful client states gives the base needed to back riskier countries.

The bank is now focusing on its main intended task: helping the transition of Russia and other CIS countries. They and the bank have learnt from the more fertile economic soil of central Europe. Countries such as Bulgaria are catching up fast, privatising banks in dozens. The EBRD's *drang nach Osten* is embracing Belarus, Russia and the Turkic nations of the former Soviet Union. As the EBRD moves on, so will its task. It will surely repeat the postwar history of the orginal International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The World Bank found that the one-off job of reconstructing damaged but mature economies is only a prelude to the long-term challenge of development. Luckily, the World Bank is not in London.



Why windfall tax is sound

If only Tony Blair and Gordon Brown had not abandoned Labour's sceptical approach to privatisation at the first whiff of grape-shot, they would have been able to capitalise politically on one of the few areas of genuine economic difference between the main parties — and one where Labour's policies are both hugely popular and economically sound. I refer, of course, to the idea of levying a huge windfall tax on privatised utility companies and using the proceeds to guarantee jobs and training programmes to the unemployed.

Professor Richard Layard discusses these education and labour market policies on page 18 of today's *Times*. I want to focus instead on the narrow economic issue of how the money will be raised. If a large government employment and education programme of some kind is desirable, is the windfall tax a good way of paying the bill?

This seems to be one of those rare economic questions that allows a clear answer: the windfall tax is unequivocally a good idea.

Economic theory has always taught that the best kind of tax from the standpoint of economic efficiency is a one-off lump-sum tax which relates to *past* activities, rather than profits or incomes earned in the future. Such levies do not affect incentives to work, save or make profits in the future. They thus avoid the main distortions and inefficiencies associated with normal taxes on incomes, profits, consumption, inheritance and so on. But while lump-sum taxes are in theory the best way of raising money for government, they are difficult to devise without introducing unfairness and unpredictability. The main economic objection to a windfall tax is the fear that it may engender among investors of a repeat performance — but more of that at the end.

What makes Labour's windfall proposal unusually attractive is that, for once, these standard objections to lump-sum taxes have been overcome. The windfall tax is not unfair because general taxpayers have suffered serious losses from the underpricing of state assets and the excessive debt write-offs when the utilites were privatised. The people who will now pay the windfall tax are, on the whole, the ones who benefited most from this sleight of hand. Contrary to popular opinion, this tax will not be paid by innocent investors who were gulled into buying utility shares just before the election campaign began. This is because today's level of utility shares already incorporates the assmuption that these companies will pay a hefty levy — of between £5 billion and £10 billion, according to most City estimates. If all that happens in the Budget is that Mr Brown announces a tax in line with these expectations, utility shares will not move and none of their present shareholders will suffer. Neither will the original investors in the privatisation issues have any cause to complain. People who bought shares in the privatisations or soon afterwards will not suffer because electricty and water shares are worth 40 per cent more today, in relation to the FT-SE All-share index, than they were at the time of privatisation.

Who, then *will* pay the tax? The real victims will be the speculators who bought utility shares during the period of takeover and dividend fever which largely inspired the windfall tax. Since then, utility shares have fallen by roughly 20 per cent relative to the All-share index and this is a rough measure of the expected future profits that shareholders have already forgone.

Imagine now that the windfall tax were for some reason abandoned or watered down. The utility shares would immediately jump by 20 per cent or more. As the Institute for Fiscal Studies pointed out last week, anyone who had bought the shares since 1995, knowing full well that a Labour tax was likely to be levied, would suddenly enjoy their own windfall.

There is just one caveat that Labour leaders should bear in mind: to be efficient, the windfall tax must be at least as big as the stock market expects. The worst mistake a Labour government could make, not only from a political but also from an economic standpoint, would be to implement a modest, half-hearted levy of only £3 billion or so. This would be far less money than the stock market expected. It would fail to provide the revenues that the Labour programmes needed. And, worst of all, a half-hearted levy would inevitably raise the threat of the Chancellor coming back for more, since it would send utility shares soaring skywards the day after his first Budget.

A Labour government should reassure the City that there will be no second instalment. The surest way to do that would be to raise enough money to fund its programmes — and more than the stock market is expecting — from the very beginning.

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
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AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 01203 553 231				
General Acc	717.50	763.40	-10.70	2.37
General Inc	594.50	632.50	-8.80	2.37
Uk Growth Acc	498.30	530.20	-7.30	2.52
Uk Growth Inc	378.50	398.90	-4.70	2.52
Higher Inc Acc	896.30	953.20	-8.90	3.98
Higher Inc Inc	478.80	509.10	-4.70	3.98
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	214.10	228.10	-0.10	5.60
Gilts Fxd Int Inc	91.50	96.64	-0.07	5.60
Nth America	338.10	359.70	-6.90	
Europe	387.60	412.40	-5.70	0.32
Bnd Funds	98.70	104.40	-1.60	2.63
Bnd Fndmfs Acc	126.30	134.40	-1.00	4.59
Bnd Fndmfs Inc	83.38	88.60	-0.67	4.59
Global Opps	101.80	108.30	-1.60	0.11
Balanced Acc	65.67	69.87	-0.74	2.35
Balanced Inc	60.75	64.63	-0.68	2.35
Japan Acc	38.47	38.80	-0.38	.
Pac Basin Acc	376.00	400.00	-5.70	1.01
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	131.40	139.50†	-0.10	6.67
High Inc Equity	194.00	207.50†	-2.10	4.58
Worldwide Bond	261.80	277.60	-1.00	4.32
American Growth	403.20	431.00	-10.90	0.39
Asian Pacific	314.80	338.70	-5.00	0.41
Assets & Earnings	317.90	340.00	-3.40	2.78
Euro Capital Acc	197.90	211.70	-4.70	0.75
Extra Inc	42.87	45.61†	-0.17	8.02
General	287.70	306.10	-2.90	3.00
Global Opps	72.49	77.12	-1.19	0.52
Japan	84.08	89.93	-0.90	
Managed Inc	48.98	52.05†	-0.34	4.32
Mastertrust	172.10	184.10	-2.00	1.30
US Emerging Cos	172.10	184.10	-3.90	
Ethical	86.67	92.30	-0.40	1.59
International	134.00	142.60	-2.40	0.87
Dividend & Growth	72.51	77.14	-0.62	4.38
Global Gwth & Sec	74.93	79.97	-0.12	2.53
Latin America	81.20	86.38	-1.17	0.45
Capital Reserve	148.30	148.40		4.71
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0141 275 8500				
N&P UK Growth	95.93	102.00	-1.41	2.35
Equity Income	135.30	143.90	-1.80	4.18
Extra Income	262.70	279.40	-2.70	6.45
Smaller Cos	112.60	119.70†	-0.30	1.50
International	112.60	119.70†	-0.90	1.50
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2637.00	2837.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	60.97	63.25†	-1.57	
Emerging Mkts	77.04	80.24	-0.71	0.04
European	161.10	167.40	-2.30	
Extra Income #	50.92	53.59†	-0.56	6.07
Far East Emg Eco	125.90	132.10	-0.50	0.47
Fixed Interest #	26.63	27.69		8.77
Fixed Inc Tst #	163.00	171.00†	-0.80	9.71
Japan	150.20	156.10	-2.30	
Latin American	69.72	72.56	-1.05	0.67
Pacific	78.88	82.82†	-0.82	0.32
Property Share	81.67	85.75	+0.08	2.05
UK Emerging Cos	71.46	77.24	-0.15	1.25
UK Growth	58.23	60.65†	-0.83	1.93
Aber World Port #	84.69	86.63	-0.89	2.87
Ethical	80.42	83.64	-0.56	2.11
Aberdeen Glt Inc #	58.04	90.09†	-0.06	7.40
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0171 258 5888				
Retail Property #	99.93	106.30	+0.60	5.34
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	155.91	167.65	-2.05	0.79
UK Equity	102.09	108.97†	-1.38	3.26
UK Equity & Bd	60.71	64.34	-0.41	6.26
UK Smlr Cos	54.61	58.41†	-0.21	1.61
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	809.72	821.86	..	4.19
Inv Fd Acc	809.72	821.96	..	..
Fxd Int Sec Inc	155.60	158.21	..	8.16
Fxd Int Sec Acc	155.96	158.21	..	..
COIF CHARITY FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	800.91	813.61		4.28
Investment Acc	£37.78	£38.33		..
Fixed Int Inc	126.20	126.70	...	9.16
Fixed Int Acc	240.07	241.03	...	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	84.35	88.96		5.63
Beck Bio-Tech	39.60	43.09		
Acorn Ethical Tst	185.54	194.83		0.44
City Fin Assets	80.30	84.32†	-1.19	1.83
City Fin Intl	88.35	92.81	...	0.14
Friars Hse Cap	320.23	340.73	-0.05	2.33
Buckley Wrld Grth	137.76	146.03†		
J Std Inc/Gth Inc	59.00	61.95		3.35
Shaw Utilities	66.64	68.30	-0.01	6.50
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	60.20	63.87	-0.33	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0345 772 233				
American Grth	77.51	82.46	-1.89	
Dragon Growth	69.05	73.65	-1.08	0.43
Equity High Inc	97.35	103.81†	-1.24	3.79
-do- Accum	142.72	151.82	-1.81	3.79
Extra Income Inc	26.55	27.95†	-0.06	7.23
Extra Income Acc	30.05	31.63	-0.06	7.23
European Gwth	66.48	70.83	-1.18	0.53
Evergreen	30.52	32.64	-0.30	
General Equity	114.28	120.61	-1.69	2.89
Japan Growth	36.01	38.31	-0.49	
Pedigree Gwth	67.66	71.58	-0.91	2.20
Ped Sm Cos Inc	41.34	43.75	-0.13	1.17
-do- Accum	44.07	46.64	-0.14	1.17
Retirement Inc #	29.79	31.69	-0.29	5.62
Special Sits	50.19	53.97	-0.59	2.65
UK & Overseas	61.30	64.87	-0.96	0.73
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD 01634 898 000				
Balanced	73.73	76.80	-0.78	4.02
Capital	86.19	91.65	-1.38	2.39
High Income	52.63	54.82	-0.10	6.75
Top 50	60.59	63.11	-1.01	2.55
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	201.27	209.68†	-2.87	4.38
Long Gilt	43.53	45.33†	-0.13	6.28
Monthly Inc Plus	51.20	53.34†	-0.19	8.40
Preference Share	48.31	50.33†	-0.09	7.75
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	146.61	152.73†	-2.04	5.59
Managed Fund	77.59	80.83†	-0.97	2.74
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	55.19	57.50†	-0.20	1.65
-do- Accum	66.00	68.76†	-0.35	1.65
UK & General	103.62	107.95†	-1.75	2.78
-do- Accum	137.37	143.11†	-2.31	2.79
UK Growth	210.38	219.17†	-3.00	1.28
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	223.47	232.81†	-3.74	0.62
Far Eastern Gth	122.43	127.54†	-1.65	0.03
Global Bond	72.72	75.78†	+0.01	6.54
Japan Growth	89.66	93.41†	-1.07	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	243.20	258.90	-7.30	..
Income & Growth	242.10	257.60	-3.40	4.08
-do- Accum	391.20	416.20	-5.40	4.08
Intl Growth	411.30	438.00	-7.40	.
-do- Accum	456.70	487.50	-8.20	.
Japan & Gen	127.50	135.50†	-1.82	.
-do- Accum	128.80	136.90†	-1.80	.
Monthly Inc #	209.00	222.30†	-2.00	4.38
-do- Accum #	213.40	227.00†	-2.00	4.38
Managed Pnf Inc	122.10	128.50†	+0.50	1.39
-do- Accum	134.20	141.30†	+0.60	1.39
Quarterly Income #	58.75	62.90	-0.63	4.26
-do- Accum #	68.89	73.58	-0.73	4.26
Recovery	318.60	340.70	-3.00	
-do- Accum	378.10	402.20	-3.60	
UK Growth	70.87	75.39	-0.88	2
-do- Accum	76.84	81.74	-0.95	2
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	62.87	66.93	-1.71	0.28
FP Am Smlr Cos	185.70	198.00	-3.90	
FP Asian Growth	282.50	301.30	-3.90	
FP Australian	429.20	457.90	-0.70	
FP Equity Dist	487.50	520.00	-6.40	2.37
-do- Accum	£10.89	£11.60	-15.00	2.37
FP Euro Gth	313.40	334.30	-6.60	..
-do- Accum	343.80	366.70	-7.20	..
FP Intl Bond	54.73	57.91	-0.09	4.37
FP Intl Gth Dist	37.91	40.43	-0.66	0.10
-do- Accum	55.88	59.38	-1.00	0.10
FP Pac Basin Acc	204.40	218.00	-2.10	
FP Income #	62.60	66.77	-0.85	4.95
-do- Accum #	222.50	237.30	-2.30	4.95
FP Jap Smlr Cos	199.60	212.90	-1.00	..
FP Monthly Dist #	78.39	83.61†	-0.52	6.38
FP Stlg Deposit	100.10	100.10†	..	5.02
FP Tokyo	62.02	66.15	-0.57	
FP UK Focus	44.87	47.86†	-0.59	1.57
FP UK Growth	212.80	226.70	-2.80	2.18
-do- Accum	432.50	461.30	-5.50	2.18
Stewardship Dist	469.10	500.30	-2.60	1.28
-do- Accum	592.70	632.20	-3.30	1.28
Stewdship Inc Dist #	81.54	86.97	-0.06	4.90
-do- Accum #	114.00	121.60	-0.10	4.90
N Am Stshp Dist	128.00	136.50	-2.80	0.28
-do- Accum	137.80	146.90	-2.80	0.28
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	113.60	114.20	-1.00	3.20
Inst Ethical Ac #	113.60	114.20	-1.00	3.20
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	130.90	139.20	+0.40	1.06
Open Cap Gth Acc	134.60	143.10	..	..
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	121.00	128.70	+0.40	3.11
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	129.60	137.80	+0.30	3.11
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	125.90	133.90	...	3.88
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	136.40	145.10	+0.10	3.88
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 1067				
GANDA	319.10	338.60	-5.30	1.77
Cash	49.65	50.38	+0.01	4.45
Growth Portfolio	91.45	97.29	-2.12	.
Income Portfolio	74.52	78.97	-1.37	2.89
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	239.70	256.40	-3.10	0.35
Dividend	103.10	110.35	-1.70	3.75
Int Gth & Inc	256.00	273.80	-6.00	2.34
UK & Gen	53.79	57.53†	-1.04	1.44
Fund of Funds	77.17	82.53†	+0.31	..
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 8431				
American Smlr Cos	191.00	204.30	-5.70	0.16
European Gth	788.80	839.10	-9.90	0.57
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	55.13	58.51†	-0.31	4.08
-do- Accum	63.31	67.19	-0.35	4.08
Far East & Gen	247.60	264.80	-6.50	.
High Yield #	50.16	53.14	-0.11	7.55
-do- Accum #	57.08	60.48	-0.12	7.55
Income Inc	205.70	220.00†	-1.49	3.93

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Smlr Cos	142.89	152.53†	-1.21	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	216.04	230.16†	-2.03	.
North American	325.73	345.10	-8.43	...
American Smaller	167.32	178.67†	-2.70	.
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	165.60	174.60	-0.40	5.21
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	131.60	137.80	-2.04	1.80
Capital	210.02	219.92	-2.89	1.52
Dollar	502.39	526.66	-12.49	..
Enterprise Gth	447.15	468.25†	-6.70	0.82
European	297.40	311.41	-4.26	0.15
Far East	294.35	308.22	-4.84	0.48
Financial	611.46	£12.00†	-20.83	1.71
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.39	27.45	-0.06	7.06
High Yield #	118.93	124.53	-1.36	4.82
Income & Growth #	175.16	183.42	-2.49	3.64
International	287.61	301.17	-4.86	0.42
Japanese General	156.09	163.45	-0.81	0.60
Japan Tech	72.96	76.40	-0.52	..
Natl Resources	75.37	78.92†	-1.12	0.43
Portfolio	86.21	90.27†	-2.19	1.43
Special Sits	238.58	249.77†	-1.12	0.17
UK Emerging Cos	138.31	144.83	-0.38	0.99
US Smaller Cos	148.85	155.82	-2.10	..
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	681.90	727.80	-18.10	4.63
UK Growth	741.18	790.80†	-13.80	1.52
High Income #	122.60	130.80†	-1.20	5.86
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	830.90	887.80†	-17.10	0.32
European Gwth	158.20	168.20	-3.00	0.12
Japan Gwth	211.20	224.40	-1.80	..
Japan Smlr Cos	22.75	24.28	-0.16	..
Asian	60.39	64.45	-0.89	..
Stlg & Mnty Gwth	83.24	88.84	-2.54	..
Hong Kong Gwth	173.80	185.20†	-2.10	0.94
Global Bond	20.79	21.90	-0.02	5.00
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	180.40	181.30	-2.69	2.57
Tdsde Index	136.20	139.70†	-0.80	2.05
THE FOOTSIE FUND	70.79	71.15	-1.14	2.32
Index Funds-International				
American Index	300.50	302.00	-7.40	0.99
Eurotrack 100	206.80	207.80	-4.30	1.42
Japan Index	56.14	56.42	-0.46	0.11
Tiger Index	184.40	188.70	-1.80	0.15
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	55.35	57.81	-0.11	1.16
General Funds				
Managed Dist	91.58	95.84	-1.33	1.08
Managed	94.47	98.66	-1.34	1.08
Export Cmld Fnd	111.50	116.30†	-2.16	1.99
UK Growth	76.45	79.64	-1.16	1.84
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	93.17	97.31	-0.99	5.55
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.88	27.72†	-0.04	7.81
UK Inc & Gwth	52.02	54.33	-0.79	2.91
UK Income #	406.30	424.30	-5.20	4.31
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	82.41	84.65†	-1.77	..
Amer Smlr Cos	146.29	152.70	-3.90	..
-do- Accum	147.70	154.30	-3.90	..
Europe Gth	256.00	266.60	-4.30	..
-do- Accum	265.20	276.20	-4.40	..
Euro Smaller Cos	48.69	50.89	-0.50	...
French Growth	102.40	106.50	-2.10	0.18
-do- Accum	110.90	115.39	-2.40	0.18
H Kong & China	115.30	119.80	-1.50	0.68
Intl Growth	68.23	70.96	-1.17	0.38
-do- Accum	69.52	72.30	-1.18	0.38
Japan Gth	22.81	23.48	-0.26	..

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 881 3020				
World Health	181.50	193.00	-3.40	...
Income #	240.51	255.86	-1.42	4.05
UK Growth	93.79	98.77	-0.54	1.65
Intl Growth	88.85	94.52	-1.06	0.59
Ecology	110.61	117.67†	-0.89	0.88
European	225.41	239.79	-2.50	0.21
Far Eastern	303.30	322.60	-3.20	...
UK Special Sits	59.80	63.57†	-0.30	0.38
Fd of Inv Tsts	55.42	59.11	-0.64	...
High Income #	54.00	57.59†	-0.51	4.86

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	100.80	104.10†	-0.39	7.00
Euro Pfn Inc	108.80	115.70	-0.40	2.75
-do- Accum	108.80	115.70	-0.40	2.75
Gilt Yield	118.80	125.30†	+0.10	6.45
Global Income	233.50	248.40	-2.50	3.21
High Yield	167.00	177.70†	-1.90	5.25
-do- Accum	563.10	599.00†	-6.40	5.25
Money Market	99.48	99.48†	+0.03	5.47
Smlr Cos Div	65.59	70.84	-1.82	3.65
Tomorrows Co Et Acc	10.14	10.32	-0.11	
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	149.30	158.80	-3.40	.
Asian Growth	308.40	328.10	-3.90	
-do- Accum	362.50	385.60	-4.60	
North American	109.80	116.80	-3.19	
European Special	143.20	152.30	-0.80	1.39
European	191.00	203.20	-1.30	0.47

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	80.70	85.86	-0.57	...
Master Trust	70.18	74.66	-0.74	1.33
-do- Accum	81.03	86.21	-0.85	1.33
Millennium Acc	101.40	107.90†	...	2.23
N American Gen	249.20	264.10	-7.10	.
-do- Accum	287.30	305.70	-8.20	.
NAm Sm Co Rec	173.60	184.70	-3.60	...
-do- Accum	177.20	188.60	-3.60	
Pacific Basin	242.10	257.60	-4.80	0.46
-do- Accum	258.00	274.50	-5.10	0.40
Safety First Acc	97.56	102.79	-0.80	2.10
Do until 12/1/98 ‡	90.25	...		
Small Cos Rec	553.20	582.40	-0.80	1.38
-do- Accum	764.20	804.80	-1.10	1.38
UK Eq Gth	175.90	187.20†	-2.30	2.38
UK Eq Inc #	137.40	146.20†	-2.00	4.10
UK Growth	113.40	120.70	-1.50	1.81
-do- Accum	143.50	152.70	-1.90	1.81
Worldwide Gth	348.40	370.70	-7.30	0.35
-do- Accum	515.40	548.30	-10.80	0.35
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 873				
American	89.64	95.64	-2.58	0.70
General	114.98	123.38	-1.88	2.80
Income	78.32	84.03†	-0.86	5.50
International	71.93	77.17	-1.49	0.50
Japan	43.22	46.37	-0.54	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	79.19	84.96†	-0.80	1.00
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	521.40	550.40	-13.90	0.41
-do- Accum	653.30	689.70	-17.40	0.41
Amer Recovery	613.80	649.20	-13.30	0.13
-do- Accum	708.90	750.80	-15.40	0.13
Amer Smlr Cos	139.60	147.80	-3.40	..
-do- Accum	142.80	151.09	-3.50	.
Australasian	217.60	230.10	-3.10	2.08
-do- Accum	275.90	291.70	-4.10	2.08
Capital	1009.60	1067.70	-8.30	2.94
-do- Accum	1218.90	1288.10	-9.90	2.94
Charifund	838.00	848.40	-6.90	5.84
-do- Accum	4412.90	4457.10	-33.90	5.64
Commodity	489.40	517.50	-7.80	0.37
-do- Accum	723.70	765.30	-11.50	0.37
Compound Gth	1165.50	1233.60	-13.10	2.88
-do- Accum	1288.60	1362.80	-14.40	2.88
Corporate Bond	25.80	25.99†	-0.05	7.30
Dividend	47.20	49.93	-0.30	4.71
-do- Accum	214.10	226.30	-1.50	4.71
Equity Income	350.30	370.40	-1.20	5.41
-do- Accum	496.40	524.90	-1.80	5.41
Euro & General	679.60	718.70	-7.50	0.69
-do- Accum	872.80	923.10	-9.50	0.69
Euro Dividend	86.88	91.80	-0.50	3.80
-do- Accum	111.30	117.80	-0.60	3.60
Euro Smlr Cos	57.00	60.30	-0.30	0.50
-do- Accum	57.80	60.30	-0.30	0.50
Extra Yield	490.30	518.50†	-5.10	5.16
-do- Accum	1688.10	1780.00†	-17.50	5.16
Fund of Inv Tsts	730.60	772.80	-7.80	1.61
-do- Accum	1411.30	1492.50	-14.70	1.61
General	73.10	77.30	-1.10	3.78
-do- Accum	219.50	232.00	-3.30	3.78
Gilt Income	82.42	82.51	-0.15	6.80
-do- Accum	194.82	194.91	-0.46	6.80
Gold	66.20	70.00	-1.50	0.91
-do- Accum	79.50	84.10	-1.70	0.91
High Income	35.30	37.30	-0.40	4.53
-do- Accum	153.50	162.70	-1.50	4.53
Intl Growth	88.70	93.80	-1.50	0.87
-do- Accum	157.10	166.20	-2.70	0.87
International Inc	113.70	120.20†	-1.20	4.40
-do- Accum	184.90	195.50†	-1.80	4.40
Japan & Gen	28.70	30.30	-0.20	.
-do- Accum	30.80	32.50	-0.20	..
Japan Smlr Cos	99.80	105.50	-0.60	.
-do- Accum	100.50	106.20	-0.60	.
Managed Gwth	27.50	29.00	-0.30	1.67
Managed Income	31.20	32.80†	-0.20	4.30
Midland	62.30	65.90†	+0.10	3.17
-do- Accum	221.60	234.60†	+0.20	3.17

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	107.12	113.95†	-2.13	0.50
Intl Bond	62.30	65.44	-0.11	4.80
Intl Equity Growth	84.28	89.59	-1.66	0.64
N Amer Growth	140.33	149.13†	-3.61	0.83
Special Sits Growth	38.04	37.95†	-0.34	2.07
UK Growth	489.90	521.16†	-6.40	2.50
-do- Accum	683.36	726.99	-8.93	2.50
NW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1466.40	1488.90	..	3.30
Income #	1088.40	1094.80	...	4.60

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	178.80	182.30	-3.60	3.40
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 0800 363432				
High Inc #	95.04	97.98	-0.26	
M & S Inv Ptflo	184.60	190.39	-1.70	2.37
-do- Accum	221.30	228.10	-2.08	2.37
UK Sel Ptflo	167.90	173.10	-1.40	2.26
-do- Accum	204.40	210.70	-1.80	2.26
UK 100 Cos	125.90	125.90†	-1.30	2.53
-do- Accum	129.00	129.00†	-1.30	2.53
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 642				
Managed Tst	71.02	75.56		3.54
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	88.29	93.73†	-1.41	3.21
European	109.40	116.10	-1.60	0.81

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	98.97	103.60†	-1.10	4.25
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	143.90	153.10	-2.90	1.28
European Growth	146.40	156.20	..	0.01
Gilt & Fixed	102.70	108.90	-0.40	5.09
Income	112.00	119.10	-1.60	2.15
Japan Growth	36.78	38.99	+0.18	
Managed	87.10	92.66	-1.18	1.90
Money Market	97.65	103.72	..	3.87
North American	114.00	120.80	-0.20	0.37
Midland PSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	130.50	138.80	-2.60	1.27
European Growth	137.30	145.60		0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	96.57	102.40	-0.30	5.13
Income	109.70	116.70	-1.50	2.20
Japan Growth	36.70	38.91	+0.16	.
Managed	83.19	88.50	-1.12	1.88
Money Market	90.14	95.57	+0.05	3.84
North American	102.70	108.80	-0.20	0.45
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	129.30	137.60	-2.60	1.28
European Growth	134.40	142.40	..	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	86.80	92.08	-0.30	5.36
Income	106.60	113.40	-1.50	2.25
Japan Growth	37.51	39.76	+0.18	.
Managed	86.33	91.84	-1.17	1.89
Money Market	81.89	86.83	+0.04	4.01
North American	115.00	121.90	-0.10	0.34
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	457.10	485.40	-12.20	..
European Gth Inc	607.70	646.00	-11.00	.
-do- Accum	614.30	655.00	-11.30	.
Intl Gwth	230.20	243.90	-5.30	.
UK Equity Inc	236.00	251.00†	-3.20	4.11
Do. Accum	326.70	347.70†	-4.40	4.11
UK Growth Inc	135.40	145.00	-1.80	3.28
-do- Accum	139.70	149.50	-1.80	3.28
UK Ind Tcks Inc	208.60	220.30	-3.40	3.09
-do- Accum	258.20	275.40	-4.10	3.09
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	289.90	306.90†	-6.10	0.96
Japan Tracker	52.39	55.24	-0.55	.
Asian Tracker	218.80	235.80†	-2.70	0.28
Mngd Ptflio Inc	198.30	209.20	-2.40	1.68
Mngd Ptflio Acc	215.50	220.60	-2.60	1.68
Deposit Inc	100.03	100.03†	+0.03	5.46
Europe	278.00	296.20	-2.20	
Genesis	227.50	245.70	-1.20	2.31
High Income	20.45	21.65†	-0.16	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 939				
Acumen	113.70	116.20†	-1.30	2.06
Acumen Inc	102.30	104.60†	-1.10	2.06
Acumen Reserve	97.83	98.61†	-0.29	6.95
-do- Inc	73.42	74.15†	-0.22	6.95
American Growth	71.82	73.85	-1.31	.
Equity Income #	111.80	114.50	-1.20	3.96
European	89.96	91.71†	-1.51	0.12
Smaller Cos	102.00	107.40	-0.30	1.14
W'wide Eqty	76.47	80.12	-0.14	...
Global Bond	41.08	41.52	-0.14	5.29
UK Growth	123.10	128.90†	-1.30	1.25
Pacific Growth	113.00	117.30	-2.30	0.39
Japan Growth	60.26	61.63	-0.91	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	158.78	168.92	-1.62	2.42
For M&P see Abbey National				
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	128.80	135.40	-2.70	0.17
European Dist	161.80	170.30	-1.60	0.28
Far East Dist	171.20	180.20	-1.50	...
Global Care Dist	89.88	94.61	-0.80	0.21
Ocean Dist	1123.20	1182.30†	-13.20	
-do- Accum	1459.70	1536.50	-17.40	
UK Dist	457.70	481.80	-7.00	1.65
-do- Accum	939.80	989.00	-14.50	1.65

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	160.90	171.20	-0.60	1.58
-do- Accum	179.50	191.00	-0.60	1.58
Technology	647.00	688.30	-12.40	
UK Blue Chip	95.34	101.40	-1.40	2.89
-do- Accum	112.30	119.50	-1.60	2.89
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dealing: 0345 635505 Client Enq: 0345 635500				
Managed Tst	46.42	48.10	-0.47	1.46
Cash Haven Inc	101.52	102.02	+0.03	5.04
Cash Haven Acc	121.34	121.94	+0.04	5.04
Dist Trust Inc	108.98	112.91†	-0.90	5.54
Dist Trust Acc	126.42	131.00	-1.04	5.54
Global Growth	107.76	114.64	-1.62	1.08
Equity Inc	95.35	101.44	-0.88	4.20
Equity	936.67	996.46†	-22.51	2.25
European	284.73	305.06	-4.89	0.64
High Income	97.30	103.51†	-0.71	4.91
Intl Gth	220.93	235.83	-3.76	0.84
Intl Sm Co	95.92	102.04†	-1.07	0.47
Japanese	155.27	160.90†	-1.71	.
Mgd Income Tst #	48.56	50.32†	+0.13	8.01
Nth Amer	250.73	259.86	-4.91	1.07
Pacific Mkts	112.36	116.33	-2.88	0.60
Premier Inc	47.80	49.75†	+0.02	6.61
Sm Cos	116.29	123.71	-0.32	1.84
Spec Sits	136.64	145.36	-1.85	2.36
UK Growth	159.45	169.63	-2.37	2.26
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
HI Inc Inv Inc	91.81	96.54†	-0.55	3.41
Investment Trust	123.83	130.21†	+0.01	0.58
UK Smaller Cos	120.55	126.76	-0.79	1.35
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	380.60	382.70†	-5.10	2.67
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	692.25	733.43	-17.18	...
America (Acc)	811.11	859.26	-20.13	..
Amer Smlr Cos	51.89	55.38	-1.19	.
Asia	51.09	54.77	-1.04	.
European	430.60	457.00	-6.87	0.13
Japan	171.15	182.05	-1.47	.
Jap Smlr Cos	25.74	27.44	-0.31	..
Major UK Cos	129.41	138.05	-1.92	1.66
Smlr UK Cos	449.99	487.60†	-1.46	0.62
UK Equity Inc #	199.03	212.66	-2.09	4.12
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	50.69	52.93	+0.04	
Cash	48.37	50.38	+0.01	2.84
Emerging Mkts	53.01	55.38	-0.12	..
Europe	66.90	69.86	-0.09	.
Global Fixed Int #	48.82	50.98	-0.13	5.24
Japan	32.22	33.64	-0.19	..
North America	69.31	72.38	-0.73	
UK	71.17	74.32	+0.02	0.29
UK Equity Inc #	68.54	69.49		3.40
UK Fixed Int #	51.56	53.84	-0.06	7.13
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Grth Port	53.36	55.29	-0.05	.
Pep Inc Port #	53.81	55.76	-0.03	3.20
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	92.40	97.26	+0.04	.
Gilt	104.92	110.43	-0.05	...
Managed	123.96	130.50	-0.08	
Portfolio	52.48	55.24	-0.03	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	126.10	133.90	-3.40	0.32
Pacific Basin	74.21	79.63	-1.32	0.32
Higa Inc Dist	172.20	183.70†	-0.80	3.89
Ryl Life Int Cmry	63.78	67.39†	-0.33	3.89
Ryl Life Ind Gwth	77.63	82.70	-1.38	0.09
Ryl Life Ind Spec	71.44	76.00	-0.79	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	364.10	384.70	-2.70	2.32
Europe Inc	509.90	538.80	-4.30	0.52
Nth Amer Inc	323.70	342.00	-9.30	0.16
Global Inc	235.20	280.80	-3.10	..
Global Acc	276.10	291.70	-3.40	
UK Spec Sits Inc	146.20	154.50	-0.50	1.58
South East Asia	212.90	224.90	-4.90	0.37
Cash Trust Inc	101.60	101.60	...	5.38
UK Smlr Cos Inc	133.40	140.90	+0.30	1.60
-do- Accum	141.20	149.20	+0.30	1.60
Intl Bond Inc	87.78	92.30	-0.50	8.17
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	170.20	179.20	-3.70	0.28
Nth American	141.60	149.00	-3.60	
Intl Bond & Conv	128.60	135.40†	-0.30	6.57
Pooled Pension (C)	245.80	264.30	-3.20	2.05
Smaller Cos	125.80	132.40	-0.20	0.76
UK General #	180.50	190.00	-2.00	2.65
Far Eastern	81.97	86.28	-2.70	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 623 6226				
Continental	96.53	101.90	-1.00	0.94
Global Gwth	80.39	85.17	-1.09	1.22
Inv Tst Port	60.15	63.88	-0.46	2.41
Managed	£14.41	£14.84	..	1.36
Pref Inc #	107.50	114.30†	-0.20	5.95
Smaller Cos	295.00	313.80	-0.50	0.85
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	105.68	... †	-0.58	4.67
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.27	... †	+0.01	5.29
Corporate Inc ‡	99.97	... †	-0.28	5.98
Tal Pan ‡	112.82	... †	-1.59	..
Aztec ‡	76.97	... †	-1.16	..
Amer Gth Fund ‡	132.42	... †	-2.80	..
European ‡	171.71	... †	-1.06	
Global Bond ‡	84.74	... †	-0.25	7.32
Samurai ‡	46.07	... †	-0.32	.
UK Growth ‡	111.68	... †	-1.07	2.77
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	105.86	... †	-0.12	3.02
Investment Trust ‡	113.65	... †	-1.21	2.38
The Football Fd ‡	94.45	..	+0.06	...
Reserve Roll Up ‡	96.96	..		
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	417.30	441.60	-0.90	
Capital	152.70	161.60	-1.30	1.27
Cash	100.25	100.25†	+0.01	5.45
European	173.80	183.70	-1.00	0.44
Far Eastern	151.20	160.00	+0.50	
Growth	178.10	188.50	-0.70	1.29
Income #	146.50	154.90†	-0.40	4.84
Magnum	161.80	171.20	-1.30	1.25
Smlr Sits	615.30	651.10†	-1.10	0.33
Thoroughbred	187.70	198.60†	-1.50	1.14
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 435000				
Cmbfld Prfmnce	58.83	62.66	-0.19	7.00
Ethical	87.86	93.96†	-0.57	0.85
European Growth	84.03	88.10	-2.02	
Income	66.19	70.79	-0.84	3.26
Intl Growth	107.50	113.90	-2.10	0.06
Managed	93.65	98.46	-1.84	0.26
UK Growth	82.22	87.98	-1.12	1.34
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 33 35 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	48.13	48.38	-0.20	1.18
Global Advtg Acc	53.61	52.88	-0.30	1.18
Income Advtg Inc	39.01	39.21†	-0.20	3.52
Income Advtg Acc	46.10	46.34	-0.20	3.52
UK Equity Gth Acc	112.20	119.00	-0.20	1.30
Premier Inc Inc	49.10	50.92†	-0.10	7.39
Premier Inc Acc	54.25	56.15	-0.10	7.39
Managed Acc	67.32	71.36	-0.30	1.34

Shares end well off their lows

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
469	407½	Allied Domecq	430	- 1	6.0	13.0
626	547½	Bulmer (HP)	579	- 2	2.9	17.2
75½	57½	Burn Stewart	60	...	7.1	14.9
1040	865	Glenmorangie A	1000		1.5	27.2
506	425½	Grand Met	496	- 3½	4.0	16.0
518½	424	Guinness	492½	- 8½	4.1	14.0
380	334	Highland Dist	343	- 1	3.0	16.0
336	257	Matthew Clark	328	- 6½	9.1	15.7
109½	90½	Marydown W	91½		6.3	12.4
1978½	1462½	SA Breweries	1850	- 18½	1.9	..

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4706½	3671½	ABN-AMRO	3843¾	- 103¾	3.0	16.0
811	710	Abbey Nat†	785	+ 6½	4.2	13.9
456½	388½	Allied Irish	422	- 5½	4.3	
409½	363½	Aus New Z	370½	- 3½	5.1	
7678½	5753½	Banc America	6246½	- 253½		
373½	291½	Bank Scotland	313	- 4½	2.9	11.5
1226	978½	Barclays†	1030	- 6½	3.8	10.4
635	517½	Bk of Ireland	606	- 7	3.4	13.7
7980½	6006½	Citicorp	6462½	- 312½		
1731½	1268½	Commerzbk	1640½	- 12½	2.6	
862½	558½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	562½	- 12½	0.7	
3490½	2709½	Deutsche Bk	3134½	- 43½	2.1	
912½	759½	Espirito Santo	893½		3.8	12.6
972½	594½	Fuji Bank Y	604½	+ 1	0.7	
1622	1272½	HSBC†	1482	- 10	3.5	12.8
1563½	1241	HSBC Hk†	1433	- 8½	3.6	12.4
605	483½	Irish Perm†	572	- 6	2.8	
534	424	Lloyds TSB†	506½	+ 2	3.3	16.4
819½	669½	Nat Aust Bk	762	- 14	5.4	10.3
844½	666	Nat West†	678½	- 9	5.3	10.2
632½	508	Royal Bk Scot	522	- 8	4.5	11.6
900½	681	Stand Chart†	827½	- 10½	2.2	14.8
£164½	£164½	Wells Fargo	£164½		1.9	..
374½	315½	Westpac	315½	- 1½	4.3	10.2

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
878½	793½	Bass	801	- 6½	3.9	15.8
68½	53½	Bk for the Bk	53½		4.0	14.6
205	170½	Burtonwd Brw	183½	- 1	3.8	16.5
155½	137½	City Centre Rest	141½	- 1	2.2	
744½	612½	Compass Gp†	677½	- 5	1.6	26.8
280½	250	Eldridge P 'A'	278½	- 1½	2.4	17.1
485	435	Fuller Sm 'A'	482½		2.4	16.1
586	508½	Greenalls Grp	521½	- 3½	3.7	16.4
750	643	Greene King	696½	- 4½	2.9	17.2
237½	164½	Grosvenor Invst	193½		3.9	18.7
285	218½	Groupe Chez Gert	232½	- ½	1.6	22.8
298½	273½	Hardy Hanson	278		4.8	12.6
2825	2700	Hall J	2787½		2.6	15.0
78	63½	Inn Business†	72½	- ½	2.7	
357	343	Mansfield	351½		2.2	16.2
315½	252	Merston Thmp	283½		3.3	10.6
615	563	Morland	586	- 5	2.8	15.4
47½	32½	Paramount	35			
820½	527½	PizzaExpress	670½	- 4½	0.5	43.7
437½	337½	Ransdens (H)	409	- 1	1.5	38.6
378½	284	Regent Inns†	316½	+ 1	1.0	30.3
700½	639½	Scot & New	641	- 9½	3.9	19.4
289	248½	Vaux Group	269	- 1	4.9	12.8
1180	1105	Wetherspoon JD†	1157½	- 5	1.0	25.8
819	738½	Whitbread	768	- 11½	3.6	15.6
706½	627½	Wolvrhmptn D	666½	- 2½	3.2	14.7
493½	419½	Yates Bros	491		1.0	31.8
635	615	Young 'A'	635		3.0	25.3

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465½	387½	Electrocompnts	386½	- 1	2.2	24.0
226½	162½	Eurodis Elec	167½	- 1½	3.7	23.9
93½	78½	Europcan Mir	88½		7.5	9.0
263	220	Evans Halshaw†	237½		8.7	
53½	41	Fife Indmar	45½	+ ½	9.5	8.6
397½	322½	Frasier Gp▼	350		2.1	17.8
34½	27½	Gardner†	29½		4.0	11.3
79½	57½	Glencheston	66½	+ 1	2.8	12.8
110	82½	Goodwin†	99½	+ 3½	3.8	
100	82	Hamlet	92½	- 1	8.5	8.4
267½	239½	Harris (Philip)	244	- 3½	4.5	14.8
320½	284½	Heathco	310½		2.4	
159	147	Holders Tech†	148½	- 1½	5.5	
240½	209	ISA Intl	220½	+ 1	1.6	
285	240½	Inchcape†	249	+ 1	5.3	14.5
52½	49½	Jacks (Wm)	52½		4.8	18.1
246½	214½	Keith-Fitt	235½	- 1½	3.0	16.9
367	316½	Lex Service	340		5.9	11.2
122	102	Lookers†	104	+ 1	9.6	7.0
14½	11	Malaya Grp†	13		6.3	11.8
8	5¼	Meddens	7½		1.3	11.4
41½	31½	Melstes	35		0.9	
472	229	Nerbon	250	- 3	4.0	6.9
168½	131½	Northamber	144		1.2	8.6
352½	305½	Partco▼	329½		3.0	
404½	342½	Pendragon†	368½		3.4	17.0
223½	190½	Perry Gp	205		5.6	
751	455	Premier Farnell	483½	- 9	2.9	18.8
152½	124½	Quicks Group†	124½	- 1½	7.0	
348	307½	REA	315		1.6	37.8
2½	2	Reece	2			
26	18½	Ronson	20		9.4	6.9
4	2½	Ross Gp	3			
109½	78½	Ryland†	91½		5.5	16.4
38	25½	SEP Indl†	26½		8.3	7.1
92½	55	Saltire	69		2.2	
415½	377½	Time Products	386		3.6	15.8
270	228	UMECO	245		2.4	17.6
352½	292½	Vardy (Reg)†	332½		2.6	14.6
650	498½	WF Elec†	625		2.7	22.7
41	31½	Walstow	35		9.0	10.3
172½	147½	Wyko†	167½	- 2	2.2	17.2
154½	119½	Young (H)	135½		3.9	11.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
420	327½	Antofagasta	390	+ 3	1.7	
328	283½	Ascot Hldgs	295		2.2	
876	790	Broken Hill	800	- 12½	3.1	18.1
289	237½	BTR†	249	- 1½	4.8	13.7
568	462	BAT†	510	- 1	6.4	10.8
195½	128	Bibby (J)	188		5.0	10.9
60½	53½	Brierley Inv	54½	+ ½	8.7	8.8
856½	715	Charter†	776	- 1½	4.8	11.0
266	210½	Cookson†	211½	- 2	5.1	13.3
239½	200½	Cosalt†	205		6.0	9.5
312½	255½	DCC	262½	- 2½	2.9	11.6
133	115½	Grampian Hdg	122½	+ 1½	6.4	12.6
140½	124½	Hanson Cshd	127½	- ½	9.2	11.6
509½	423½	Hutch Whmpo	440½	- 8¼	2.3	18.2
438½	375	Imperial Tobacco	409	- 4	6.1	8.2
397½	337	Jardine Math†	337½	- 2½	4.6	
158½	123	Lonrho	132	- ½	4.5	12.0
175½	161½	McLeod Russel	162½		5.2	13.2
446½	398½	Powell Duffryn	442½	- 1½	7.1	17.4
145	113½	Ropner	145		7.1	12.5
190	153½	Staveley	177	- 1	6.5	12.7
602½	458½	Swire Pacific	474½	- 2½	2.7	17.4
362½	327½	TT Group	355½		2.7	15.4
296½	262½	Tomkins†	267½	- 3½	4.8	13.3
210	185	Unitary	190		9.6	
496	407½	Wardle Storeys	413	- 12	6.0	15.2
387½	308½	Wassall†	345	+ 6	2.2	21.1
166½	148	Whitecroft	148	- 1	4.2	11.8
345½	294½	Williams Hldg	313½	- 1	6.2	12.9

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64½	54½	Rutland Trst	60	- ½	2.9	15.3
135	99½	SEC Group	133½	- ½	4.4	11.9
445	394	S & U	423½		4.9	10.7
1782½	1500	Schroders†	1522½	- 20	1.6	16.6
1577½	1320	Schroders N/V†	1322½	- 27½	1.9	14.4
162½	127½	Singer & Fried	140	- 1	4.2	11.7
46½	37½	Towry Law	38½			
4	3¼	Tdo Hldgs	3¾	..		...
105½	71	Union	76½		2.5	
342½	310	Waitrst	330		4.9	15.5

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1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
264½	192	Brit Biotech	235	- 3½		
1115	665	Cantab Pharma	970	- 7½		..
873	470	Celltech	560	- 10		
443½	312½	Chiroscience	366	- 6½		
280	177½	Cortecs	223½	- 9	...	
1173½	865½	Glaxo Wellt	1089	+ 3½	3.8	22.7
245	176½	ML Laboratories	182½	+ 15		50.4
330½	252	Medeval†	313	- 1	1.9	...
403	228½	Peptide Thera	287½	- 10		
92	24½	Proteus Intl	61	- ½		
737½	362½	Scotia	387½	- 17½	...	
246	216	Shire Pharms	223½	...		
86½	64½	SkyePharma	83	+ 8		
960½	758½	SmithKline†	808	- 4½	2.2	22.9
392	299½	Therp Anti Inc	364		...	...
707½	512½	Vanguard	637½	- 2½		
435	210	Xenova	382½			
1930	1585½	Zeneca†	1834	- 17	2.4	28.0

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Grs red yld
Treas 7% 1997	6.98	8.19
Treas 8¾% 1997	8.67	6.15
Exch 15% 1997	14.35	6.29
Exch 9¾% 1998	9.52	6.45
Treas 7¼% 1998	7.21	6.58
Treas 14% 1998-01	13.00	6.65
Treas 15½% 1998	13.86	6.77
Exch 12% 1998	11.14	6.82
Treas 9½% 1999	9.17	6.89
Exch 12¼% 1999	11.19	6.56
Treas 10½% 1999	9.83	6.91
Treas 6% 1999	6.12	6.92
Conv 10¼% 1999	9.54	7.07
Conv 9% 2000	8.59	7.13
Treas 8% 2000	7.81	7.21
Treas 13% 2000	11.16	7.23
Treas 10% 2001	9.18	7.31
Treas 7% 2001	7.08	7.31

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Grs red yld
Treas 11¾% 2003-07	9.84	7.52
Treas 8½% 2007	8.04	7.69
Treas 9% 2008	8.22	7.73
Treas 8% 2009	7.86	7.77

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Grs red yld
Treas 6¼% 2010	7.18	7.80
Conv 9% 2011	8.17	7.79
Treas 9% 2012	8.14	7.80
Treas 5½% 2008-12	6.74	7.57
Treas 8% 2013	7.87	7.81
Treas 7¾% 2012-15	7.79	7.82
Treas 8% 2015	7.84	7.78
Treas 8¾% 2017	8.01	7.82
Tr 8% 2021	7.81	7.77

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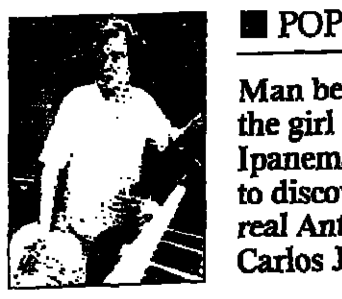
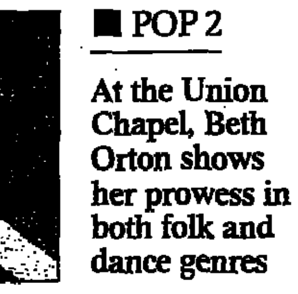


■ POP 1

Man behind the girl from Ipanema: time to discover the real Antonio Carlos Jobim



■ POP 2

At the Union Chapel, Beth Orton shows her prowess in both folk and dance genres

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■ POP 3

Intense and unpredictable, Wilco add lustre to a growing reputation in a London gig

■ MUSIC

Elgar Howarth directs an avant-garde programme of Swedish and British sounds

Salute the boss of bossa nova

As the Barbican prepares a tribute concert, **Clive Davis** looks back on the legacy of Brazil's Antonio Carlos Jobim

Jobim's close collaborator, the cellist Jaques Morelenbaum, leads this week's Barbican tribute with the Jobim/Morelenbaum Quartet

An old television commercial for savoury *spreads* for toast cheekily adapted the words of Cole Porter's *You're The Top:* "And when toast is on the bottom, *you're the top.*" The ditty rang out month after month, presumably sending sales of cauliflower cheese into the stratosphere.

Most of us, thankfully, know there is more to Cole Porter than a TV jingle. The great Brazilian songwriter Antonio Carlos Jobim has not been so fortunate. While most of us are familiar with his most famous tune, *The Girl From Ipanema*, we normally hear it only when passing through a hotel lounge or marooned in a tacky night club.

Ground into drab Muzak by a thousand violins and third-rate cabaret singers, the bossa nova standard has made another comeback recently as an anthem of the self-consciously schmaltzy lounge music scene. *No doubt* we should be grateful for small mercies.

> ❛ Jobim gave Brazil and its music dignity and stature ❜

Yet to reduce his legacy to that one *undeniably memorable* hit does a disservice to the memory of a remarkable weaver of melody. Jobim — who died of heart failure in 1994, aged 67 — belongs to the noble tradition of popular songwriting inaugurated by the Gershwins and Jerome Kern.

Musicians have always been aware of his merits. Countless jazz improvisers, led by the saxophonist Stan Getz, have been attracted to the supple harmonies of his compositions. Frank Sinatra admired him enough to entice him into the studio for a haunting, after-hours album. Sting sang the ballad *Insensatez* (*How Insensitive*) on Jobim's final recording, the vibrant, Grammy-winning *Antonio Brasileiro*. Not to be left out, George Michael dedicated his "comeback" disc *Older* to "the man who changed the way I listened to music".

Jobim's enduring contribution *will be celebrated at the Barbican on* Thursday in a concert by a band made up of his close collaborators including the cellist Jaques *Morelenbaum, whose graceful playing* illuminated last year's enthralling Festival Hall concert by Caetano Veloso, one of many Brazilian singer-songwriters to build on Jobim's innovations.

Artists have been competing to deliver recorded tributes. The latest, *A Twist of Jobim*, an all-star effort produced and arranged by guitarist Lee Ritenour, creates a slick jazz-fusion ambience on numbers such as *Agua de Beber*, *Dindi* and *Stone Flower* (a propulsive instrumental that went into Carlos Santana's repertoire a good quarter of a century ago).

Oleta Adams, Al *Jarreau* and *Herbie* Hancock join the celebrity guest-list on a spirited venture that *nevertheless tends to obscure* the rhythmic subtleties of the originals. There is more to be savoured on the intimate set by the American acoustic guitarist Gene Bertoncini on his new disc, *Jobim — Someone To Light Up My Life*.

Bertoncini opens his recital with a playful reference to the harmonic similarities between *Insensatez* and Chopin's E minor prelude. Jobim himself apparently enjoyed giving jokily grandiose demonstrations of the connection to friends. He usually achieved his effects through much subtler means: a cultivated musician, he particularly admired the blending of folk and classical sensibilities in the work of his compatriot, Villa-Lobos.

The measured tones of so-called West Coast jazz were another prime influence. It was no coincidence, perhaps, that when the bossa nova craze swept America, it should have been championed by Stan Getz, a saxophonist with links to the West Coast school, and who represented the melodic virtues that Jobim most admired.

Jobim's first international success came in 1959 with the score to the film *Black Orpheus*. The craze for bossa nova (roughly translated as "new wave") took off three years later when Getz and the guitarist Charlie Byrd recorded *Desafinado* on their bestselling LP, *Jazz Samba*. The following year Getz teamed up with Jobim and his partner, the singer-guitarist Joao Gilberto. The resulting disc, *Getz-Gilberto*, one of the most magical of pop-jazz recordings, produced the definitive version of *The Girl From Ipanema*, with an impromptu performance of the English vocals by Gilberto's wife, Astrud (who thereafter became a *star in her own right*).

"His evolution as a composer was amazing," explains the author Gene Lees, founder-publisher of the respected *international monthly Jazzletter*, and English lyricist on such Jobim standards as *Corcovado* (*Quiet Nights*). "He started by writing gentle, simple songs, and proceeded into deeper and deeper sophistication. As he grew older, he seemed to draw more and more on Brazil's various musical traditions, not just so-called bossa nova.

"He did something for his country *that has been too little recognised,*" Lees continues. "Brazilian music was known to the world largely through the travesty the Hollywood *movies made of Carmen Miranda* — actually a gifted singer. Jobim gave Brazil and its music dignity and stature, and he *did it almost* single-handedly."

Heavy drinking sapped Jobim's output in later years; the lithe matinee idol declined into corpulent middle age. Still, *Antonio Brasileiro* — released shortly before his unexpected death — proved an enduring *final testament.*

● *A Celebration of Antonio Carlos Jobim; Barbican Centre (0171-638 8891). Thursday, 7.30pm.* A Twist of Jobim *is released this week on ie music/Verve.* Jobim — Someone To Light Up My Life *is on the Chiaroscuro label*

Tricks with a trombone

A TRIVIAL but intriguing concern during the first half of *the concert* in the Adrian Boult Hall was why — when everyone else, including fellow soloist Hakan Hardenberger, was wearing *informal* clothes of one kind or another — Christian Lindberg was in evening dress. The answer, it emerged in the first performance of Jan Sandström's *Cantos de la Mancha*, was so that he could take it off. By the end of the *piece he was costumed* in a smock, a wide leather belt, theatrical tights, a head bandage and no shoes, the whole transformation having been effected before our very eyes.

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BCMG/Howarth
Birmingham

The other thing about Lindberg is that he plays the trombone. And playing it does not stop short at making music with it. In *Cantos de la Mancha*, a piece inspired by Cervantes, he was waving it about like a windmill, tapping on the platform with it, stabbing himself in the chest with it. When he wasn't doing that, or delivering a spoken commentary, he was adding the sound of the trombone to that of a large chamber ensemble in music that is highly colourful, rewardingly melodious and generally entertaining.

As we knew already from Sandström's notorious *Motorbike Concerto*, also written for Lindberg in costume, contemporary *Swedish music is not* solemn. Folke Rabe's *Tintomara* is subtle rather than sensational but it too, a witty *dialogue for trumpet and* trombone, has its dramatic exchanges — which Hakan Hardenberger and Christian Lindberg were not reluctant to exploit on this occasion. Even Karin Rehnqvist's slow-moving and not wildly eventful *Taromirs Tid* (for flute, clarinet and strings) has a visual dimension, in the way the instrumentalists are grouped on the platform, to match the interplay of darker and lighter sounds.

The other two works performed by the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group, in this most interesting event in the Sounds of Sweden festival, were both by Harrison Birtwistle. His very early *Refrains and Choruses*, impressive though it certainly was in 1959, seems now to lack the characteristic Birtwistle inevitability. His *Endless Parade*, on the other hand, wonderfully well performed by Hardenberger in the solo trumpet part and authoritatively conducted by Elgar Howarth, remains his most exciting orchestral score.

GERALD LARNER

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JAZZ

Kenny Davern
Pizza Express, W1

ALTHOUGH he is most celebrated for his saxophone playing, Kenny Davern now concentrates on clarinet, an instrument with something of a chequered history in jazz. Notwithstanding the success of Benny Goodman, and give or take the odd maverick such as bop's Tony Scott and the contemporary virtuoso Don Byron, the instrument has been seen most frequently in the hands either of Dixieland musicians or of reed-section players in big bands.

Davern's broad-ranging approach is thus valuable, not only for its intrinsic virtuosity, but also for its nurturing of many *and varied* aspects of a slightly beleaguered tradition.

There has always been, in this tradition, a perceived divide between the smooth, tutored elegance of Goodman and Artie Shaw, and the rougher, more demotic playing of, say, Pee Wee Russell. Davern began his first set more in the former style, applying *his warm*, caressing tone to Don Redman's *Cherry* and following it with a deceptively gentle version of *It Had to be You*.

However, as soon as he led his rhythm section — pianist Colin Purbrook, bassist Alec Dankworth and drummer Clive Thacker — into Gershwin's *Lady be Good*, Davern demonstrated the somewhat arbitrary nature of such compartmentalisation. Features supposedly associated with the latter school — growls and slurs, startlingly wide intervallic leaps — crept into his playing, and by the time he had eased his way through *I Want a Little Girl* and James P. Johnson's *A Porter's Love Song to a Chamber Maid*, it was clear that Davern, while employing a swing-based style, has by no means shut his ears to subsequent jazz developments.

CHRIS PARKER

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POP: Beth Orton makes folk music hip; Wilco do the same with country

Finger in the ear to the ground

Beth Orton
Union Chapel, N1

AN ACOUSTICALLY inclined singer-songwriter does not attract a following of hip young things without possessing a secret weapon. Beth Orton's is that she holds dual passports: fluent in folky songcraft, she keeps *one foot tapping in time to* the contemporary dance market.

Norwich-born and 26 *years old, Orton has dallied* in clubland long enough to be accepted into techno culture, working with mixers such as *Andrew Weatherall* and William Orbit. She also contributed vocals to the new Chemical Brothers album, *Dig Your Own Hole*.

So to Union Chapel, a chilly North London church where admirers of Orton's album *Trailer Park* formed a supportive congregation. A performance last December on *BBC2's Later* series had been undermined by her obvious nervousness, but the intensive road work of recent *months seems to have fuelled* her confidence no end.

So much so that she began with the album's best-known song, *She Cries Your Name*, an engaging and eerie mid-tempo piece lifted by cello and violin. We may expect the song, first released last year, to up the ante considerably for Orton when it is reissued early next month. Also from the album, *Touch Me With Your Love* was dark and powerful and *Galaxy of Emptiness* typically wistful, but an impression gained during that *Later* performance would not go away: that amid her distinctive songwriting, likeable stage persona and spirited leadership of the band, Orton's weak link is her vocal technique. *Her singing was thin* and wayward rather too often to allow this performance to soar.

But it was refreshing to see a young writer tipping her hat to some great forebears with a cover of Phil Spector and Ellie Greenwich's *I Wish I Never Saw The Sunshine*. If she works on those pipes, her mixture of folk, pop and dance can only continue its upward mobility.

PAUL SEXTON

Warp and wild weft

Wilco/Kim Richey
Shepherds Bush Empire

IN THE old days all the great rock'n'roll groups took their cue from American R&B. Now their inspiration is just as likely to be country music, and it was *significant that Wilco, the current* holders of the rather dog-eared "saviours of rock'n'roll" tag, should have been supported by Kim Richey, making her debut visit here. Although her band cranked out a roots-rock sound that was far more virile than anything you would hear on American country radio, Richey's voice was pure Nashville. The result was a pleasingly punchy set of songs, delivered with a charm that will have won the Ohio-born singer and songwriter many new friends.

There was nothing simple about Wilco, who opened with the moody *Misunderstood*, a groggy country plod interrupted by surges of dissonant noise. Hunched over a microphone stand, the tall, bow-legged figure of singer and songwriter Jeff Tweedy was the dominant presence on the murkily lit stage, his voice starting out as a husky drawl and ending in a blood-curdling shriek. But from there things quickly lightened up, as they played a string of numbers in an acoustic, country vein, including the relaxed, honky tonk stomp of *Forget The Flowers* and an aching version of *The Lonely I*.

Indeed, you could *almost* have forgotten that this five-piece group had anything much to do with rock'n'roll until Tweedy eventually strapped on his electric guitar *and they eased into the* choppy, Keith Richards-style riffing of *I Got You (At the End of the Century)*. After that there was no stopping them as they piled into *I Must Be High*, *Hotel Arizona* and *Monday*, all played with a combination of fierce musical skill and reckless abandon, and fired by the entertaining guitar heroics of Jay Bennett. As far as country-rock with attitude goes, it is hard to think of anyone else who currently comes close.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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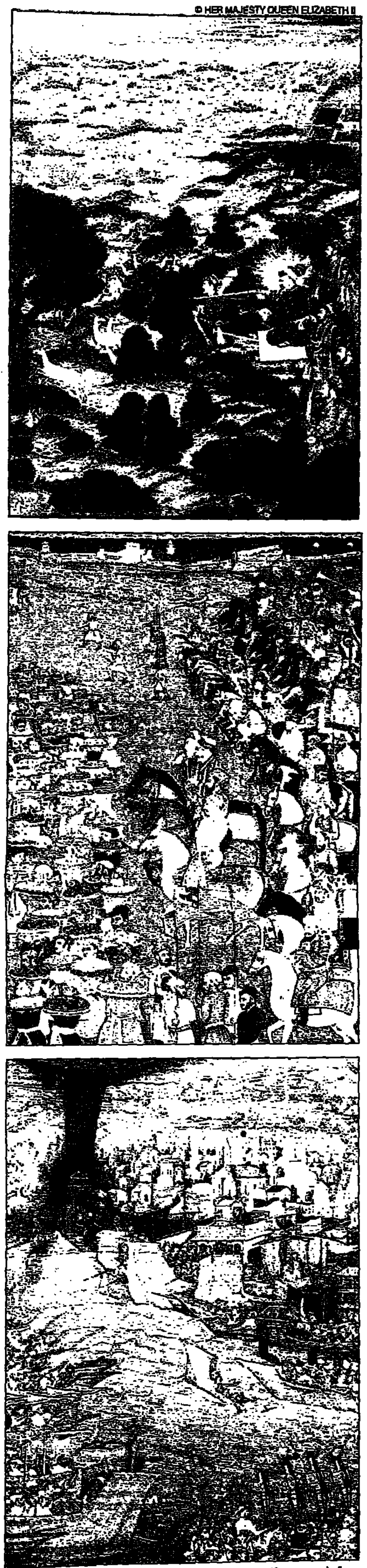

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Days in the life of the great Shah-Jahan: (from top) the emperor hunting antelope in a lyrical landscape; the delivery of presents for Prince Dara-Shikoh's wedding; and the capture of Port Hoogly from the Portuguese

As if its extensive holdings in Western art were not treasure enough, the Royal Collection also boasts a resplendent group of around 40 Islamic manuscripts. Ranging in date from 1492 to the 19th century, many were given to British monarchs as diplomatic tributes from their ever-widening Empire.

In terms of the miniatures and calligraphy they contain, some of these Indian and Persian documents are outstanding. But the most handsome and delectable item is surely the *Padshahnama*, or *Chronicle of the King of the World*.

The magnificent quality of its 44 painted illustrations, recording episodes from the reign of the great Mogul Emperor Shah-Jahan, make this exceptional manuscript one of the finest works in the Royal Collection. Until recently, though, they have remained bound within one volume and never displayed. Only now, as a result of conservation work, are all the painted pages on public view at the Queen's Gallery. And when the exhibition closes, they will be rebound and sent back to the Royal Library at Windsor.

The present show is therefore a unique occasion, and unlikely to be forgotten by anyone who visits it. Given in 1799 to the Governor-General of India as a present from the Nawab of Oudh to George III, the *Padshahnama* celebrates the lustre and military prowess of the Emperor who built the Taj Mahal. It is unashamed dynastic propaganda, and the opening two pages establish a revelatory mood. They depict a double *shamsa*, a marvellously intricate representation of the divine light transferred to kings. Its bursting radiance spreads outwards from an intensely luminous centre, reflecting the belief that Shah-Jahan's birth had been marked by "a flash from the world-pervading Sun".

Charles I, who was on the British throne when Shah-Jahan became Emperor in 1627, would have applauded the divinity idea. After all, a similar belief led to his own downfall at the hands of Cromwell. And Charles himself received a gift from Shah-Jahan in 1638, marking the kinship between two powerful rulers whose appetite for art and architecture became legendary.

What, however, would the extravagant patron of Rubens and Van Dyck have made of the illustrations in the *Padshahnama*? Charles doted on the European Renaissance, and the paintings he bought or commissioned made full expressive use of its pictorial innovations. The artists who worked for Shah-Jahan, by contrast, adhered to a very different set of conventions. Largely ignoring perspective as much as the play of shadows, they produced flat and unabashedly ornamental designs. Van Dyck's love of bravura brushwork played no part in their careful linear pattern-making. Detail of the most microscopic kind abounds in the *Padshahnama's* well-preserved pages, testifying to the uncanny clarity and strength of its artists' eyesight.

But the wonder is that these pages never became clotted with an excess of minutiae. The demands of the overall image are always kept in mind, just as the supremacy of the Shah himself is stressed at every turn. He first appears as a prince, returning victorious from the Mewar campaign to be embraced by his gratified father. The two men occupy a symbolically high position in the composition, backed by exquisite floral wall decorations and arrayed in sumptuous robes. The retinue below, portrayed for the most part in severe profile, stand as if awed by the meeting above. Their stiffness shows just how hierarchical the Mogul court must have been, its artists clearly expected to conform to a rigid set of visual rules.

> ❛ Flies swirl and settle and the rebel leader turns green ❜

Within limits, though, the painter responsible for this superbly sophisticated picture was able to indulge in a host of pictorial felicities. Look at the carpet where the retinue stands, its woven surface alive with a looping, abstract embellishment. Still more high-spirited is the treatment of the elephant outside the gold-railed enclosure, laughing as he curls his trunk playfully around a bejewelled tusk. Far from languishing in undervalued anonymity, the artist was permitted to portray himself in the same section of the picture. Turbaned and moustached, he clutches a painting and stares with a directness that even enabled him to delineate the minuscule smallpox scars peppering a courtier's swarthy face.

> ❛ The detail testifies to the artists' strong eyesight ❜

The artist's name was Balchand, and he belonged to a remarkable family of painters who included his flamboyant brother, Payag. The latter's self-portrait can be found in another elaborate presentation scene, where the future Shah-Jahan receives a jewel from his father. At first glance, the composition follows Balchand's precedent very closely. But prolonged scrutiny discloses a greater liking for decorative splendour. The attendants seem more individual in character, and there are signs in Payag's handling of architecture that he enjoys flouting the customary insistence on flatness.

More conscious than most of European developments, he studied Altdorfer, Callot and Elsheimer when prints of their work were brought to India by missionaries and traders. Only a forceful personality would have dared to become interested in perspective and other heretical Western devices. Sure enough, Payag's self-portrait reveals a supremely self-confident figure.

Mogul artists' interest in innovation must not be exaggerated, however. Although a number of painters were responsible for the *Padshahnama*, the work as a whole is notably unified in impact. Their ability to orchestrate ceremonies of epic complexity is always formidable, and at times quite breathtaking. Time and again I found myself marvelling over consummate clusters of incidental figures, like the musicians playing so boisterously under a scarlet canopy while a military submission is enacted.

Wedding processions can be guaranteed to offer a wealth of delightful details. The dense ranks of servants bearing presents on riotously ornamental, tasselled platters are a miracle of sprightly observation. Their heads are individual enough to be convincing likenesses, and they seem to float above the presents.

By no means all these paintings are peaceful, though. Shah-Jahan was a prodigious warrior, and he must have savoured his artists' flair in the depiction of battles. A shell-burst shaped alarmingly like a nuclear explosion hangs over *The Capture of Port Hoogly*, where the successful Mogul raid on a Portuguese trading colony played a decisive part in the decline of their mercantile influence in India. Expensive European hats bob ridiculously in the water.

No such levity can be found in the gruesome *Death of Khan Jahan Lodi*. His distrust of Shah-Jahan led to rebellion, and he was rewarded with a brusque decapitation on the battlefield. While flies swirl and settle on his allies' severed heads, the rebel leader turns pale green as one executioner grips his ears and another saws through his neck with a dripping blade.

Mogul rulers filled their leisure hours with equally bloody pastimes. The Shah kneels in a hunt to aim his rifle at some unsuspecting antelope. The gentle gravity of the antelope contrasts sickeningly with the Emperor's smile as he squeezes the trigger of the royal gun. But the scene as a whole seems paradoxically lyrical, dominated by an extensive landscape where receding yellow hillsides eventually grow pink as the sun descends in a spectacular sky.

The Shah's halo suggests that, unlike the antelope, he is invincible. In reality, his reign terminated in a terrible dynastic struggle. Bitterly rivalrous, his sons fought each other for the succession. And in 1658 Prince Awrangzeb seized the throne by imprisoning his father in the fort at Agra. The elderly Shah was confined to the harem section until he died eight years later. Viewed in the light of his humiliation, as crushing in its way as Charles I's fate, the cavalcade of triumphs lauded by the *Padshahnama* takes on an unexpected poignancy. For they were the Shah's paradise years, and in the end he must have mourned their sudden, irreversible loss.

● King of the World, *Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace (0171-799 2331) until April 27*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

WHEN an artist has been through both abstract and representational periods, it is usually assumed that the abstract will naturally succeed the representational: when Avigdor Arikha abandoned abstraction he was spat upon in the streets of Paris. Since the Dutch are traditionally more phlegmatic, presumably **Ger Van Dyck** underwent no such indignity on the streets of Maastricht, even though what he took up after abstract sculpture was painting flowers in watercolour.

But then, you have to see exactly how he paints the flowers. The watercolours are large, the handling of the medium fluent and fluid, with a virtuosity all the more telling because it does not draw attention to itself. The pictures are mostly in close-up, with little definable to be seen beyond the flowers to give a sense of proportion and context. In fact, although the depiction is scrupulously accurate — with the painter's accuracy of impression rather than the botanist's scientific precision — the pictures end up almost as abstract as the principled abstractions that preceded them.

Piano Nobile, 129 Portland Road, London W11 (0171-229 1099) until April 23

☐ ON THE other hand, **Therese Oulton** has always been much the same sort of artist: abstract, but somehow trembling on the brink of recognisability. Most of the paintings in her latest show, which covers work of the last two years, look as though they could be minutely accurate depictions of bolts of intricately woven cloth, juxtaposed and intertwined. Some of the others look like flowers climbing over a grid of taut strings. Always the rich and ceremonial colours lead the dance.

Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, London W1 (0171-629 5161) until May 2

☐ IF WE have never heard of **Thomas Simpson**, a turn-of-the-century East Coast Impressionist recently uncovered by Stephen Bartley, it is probably because of the bane of a private income and, as far as we know, an uneventful bachelor life. The works recently rediscovered are all watercolours, all painted apparently in the 1890s along the East Anglian and Kent coasts or around Clapham and Wandsworth Commons. One of them seems to have been exhibited at the New English Art Club in 1890, but nothing is certain, not even his exact date of death. At least there is no doubting his seriousness as a painter, or the breezy charm of his work.

Bartley Drey Gallery, 62 Old Church Street, London SW3 (0171-352 8686), until Saturday

☐ IT IS easy to praise (or dismiss) **Dora Holzhandler** as the British Chagall. There is a connection in the ethnic Jewishness of most of her images, full of rabbis and the ceremonial days of the religion. There is also a similar fancifulness: many of her characters, like his, possess for all their gravity a curious weightlessness. But the brilliant colours of her pictorial patchworks are disposed with considerable cunning, and the less-known watercolours have a sureness of effect which comes only from complete technical command.

Rona Gallery, 1-2 Weighhouse Street, London W1 (0171-491 3718), until April 25

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

CLASSICAL CHOICE

A guide to the best available classical music recordings, presented in conjunction with the BBC Radio 3 programme

VIERNE'S ORGAN MUSIC

Reviewed by Jerrold Northrop Moore

Louis Vierne (1870-1937) touched a high point in the French organ symphony. The form's two progenitors, César Franck and Charles-Marie Widor, were Vierne's teachers, and Widor headed the jury of distinguished musicians who in 1900 awarded Vierne the organistship of Notre Dame, Paris, a post he held for the rest of his life.

Vierne was born almost blind, and remained hypersensitive throughout his life. All this found reflection in his six Organ Symphonies, written between 1898 and 1930. The best recorded cycle of Vierne's symphonies is played by **Ben van Oosten** on three instruments by the greatest French organ builder, Cavaillé-Coll, who also built most of the organ at Notre Dame: it comes on two pairs of discs from Dabrinshaus & Grimm (L3211/12 and L3213/14).

Individual symphony recordings of merit are No 3 by Daniel Roth at another Cavaillé-Coll organ (Motette CD 10491) and Nos 4 and 6 by Iain Simcock at the organ of Westminster Cathedral (Priory PRCD 425).

For the 24 *Pièces en style libre* try REM 311244 (2 discs): the pieces are shared between two French Canadians, Jacques Boucher and Denis Regnaud playing another fine Cavaillé-Coll. For the 24 *Pièces de Fantaisie* (including Vierne's Monet-like evocation of Big Ben in *Carillon de Westminster*), there is Wolfgang Rübsam at still another Cavaillé-Coll, on Bayer BR100014/15 (2 discs). And don't miss **Vierne** himself on an EMI *Composer in Person* disc (CDC 5 55037-2 £16.99).

If you possess only one Vierne recording, let it be this one: on the same disc you also get Widor, Marcel Dupré, and Messiaen playing their works.

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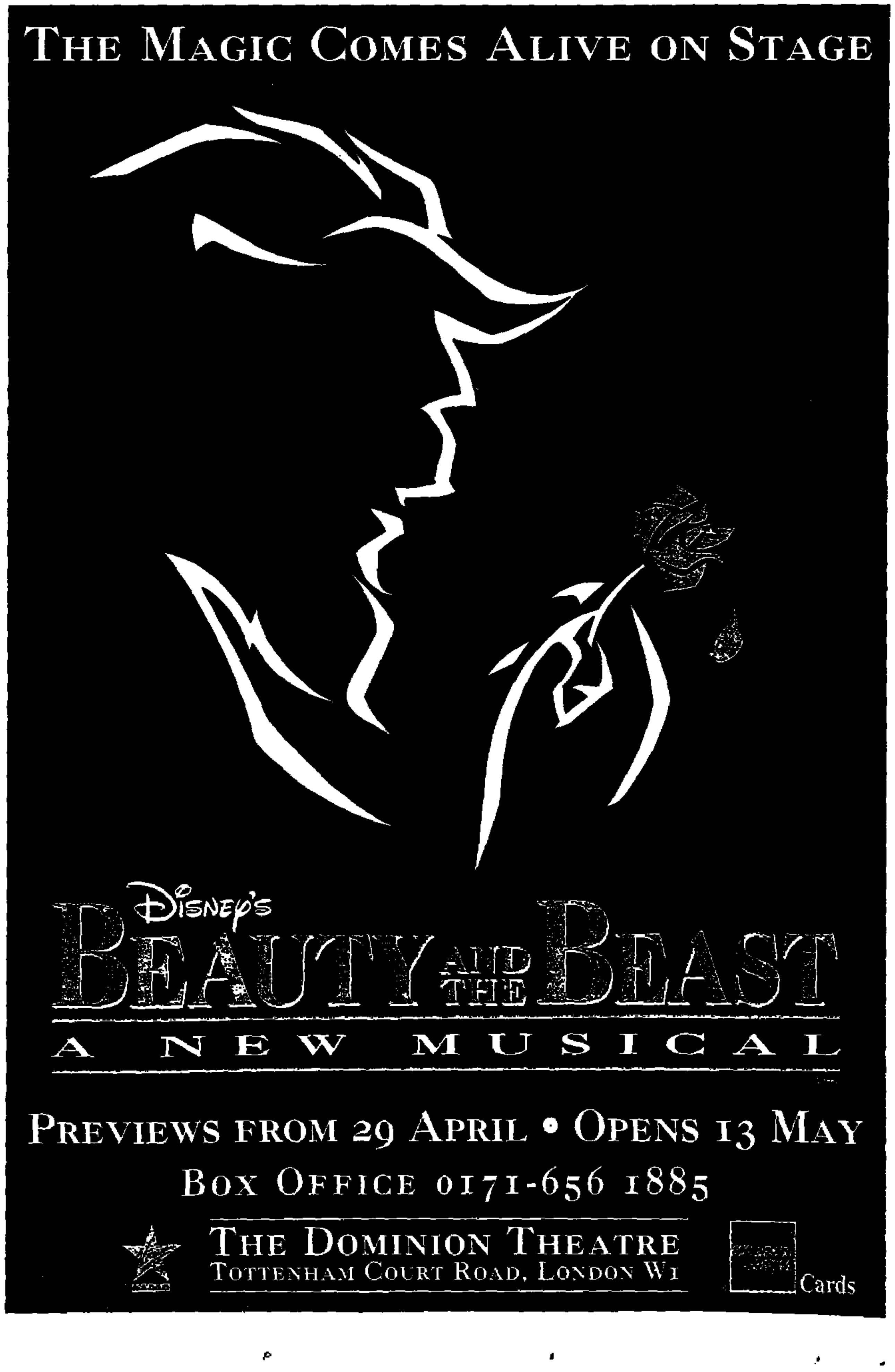

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George Orwell's political satire, *Animal Farm*, opens in London

VENUE: From tonight at the Young Vic

■ CHOICE 2

Darcey Bussell dances in the Royal Ballet's revival of *Romeo and Juliet*

VENUE: From tonight at the Royal Opera House

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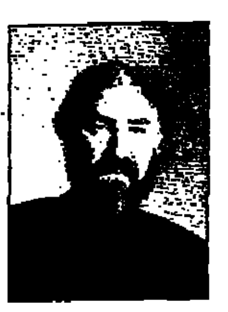

■ CHOICE 3

Radu Lupu plays Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 2 in Manchester

VENUE: Tonight at the Bridgewater Hall

■ THEATRE

A Forties restyling for *Antony and Cleopatra* in an intriguing new staging

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

ANIMAL FARM: Northern Stage's vigorous adaptation of Orwell's popular fable plays a short season in London before its international tour
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). *Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then* Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Tue and Thurs, 2pm. Until May 3.

JANE BIRKIN: The cabaret singer, who is best known for her single *Je t'aime ... Moi Non Plus*, presents an evening of song celebrating the music of the former Svengali, Serge Gainsbourg
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

JONATHAN BURROWS GROUP: The dance company begins its spring tour at the Place Theatre as part of the *Spring Loaded* season, with a double bill by Burrows: the uncompromising *The Stop Quartet*, performed to music by Kevin Volans and Matteo Fargion, and the premiere of a new piece.
Place, Duke's Road, WC1 (0171-387 0031). Tonight-Thurs, 8pm.

ROMEO AND JULIET: Returns only for the Royal Ballet's revival of Kenneth MacMillan's version of Shakespeare's tragedy, **Romeo and Juliet,** danced to Prokofiev's rich symphonic score
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then tomorrow, Friday, Saturday (7pm) and April 23, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

LEEDS: Nigel Robson sings the title role in Opera North's new production of **The Return of Ulysses,** Monteverdi's story of a king reclaiming his throne after a long war. Conducted by Harry Bicket and directed by Annabel Arden, with designs by Tim Hatley and lighting by Peter Mumford
Grand, Tonight, Saturday, May 1 and 2, 7.15pm. Next in **Blackpool, Grand** (01253 28372), May 29.

MANCHESTER: The American conductor David Zinman directs the *Swiss Tonhalle Orchestra* in Schubert's towering Ninth Symphony and Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 2. The latter is performed by the Romanian pianist Radu Lupu — who has become established as a fine interpreter of the Beethoven concerti.
Bridgewater Hall, Lower Mosley Street (0161-907 9000). Tonight, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

SOUTHAMPTON: The central character of Ivan Menchell's new comedy, **The Surprise Party,** is a pessimistic insurance salesman whose roller-skating girlfriend tries to cheer him up, aided by uncles, aunts and balloons.
Nuffield, University Road (01703 671771). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm; mat Sat (May 3), 2.30pm. Until May 3.

SWANSEA: Welsh National Opera, in a co-production with Scottish Opera, presents Bizet's *Carmen* (tonight and Friday), sung in French with surtitles. Tomorrow and Saturday, in a co-production with Opera North, the company performs Verdi's *Rigoletto*; in Italian with surtitles. A French rendition, with surtitles, of *Iphigénie en Tauride* by Gluck follows on Thursday
Grand, Singleton Street (01792 475715). Performances begin at 7pm. Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Alan Cristea: Ian McKeever: Colour Etching (0171-439 1866) . . . **Art First:** Ian Welsh: Norwegian Calendar (0171-734 0386) . . . **Catto:** Colin Fraser (0171-435 6660) . . . **Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design:** Colin Barnes — Illustrator (0171-514 7000) **Clerkenwell:** Thomas Rowland and Julian Wild (0171-252 5635) . . . **Dulwich Picture:** The Inner Eye: Art Beyond the Visible (0181-693 5254) **Gallery K:** Christine Watson — Women of Rome (0171-794 4949) . . . **Harriet Green:** Ben Joiner: Sculptures (0171-287 8328) . . . **National Portrait:** Ignatius Sancho (0171-306 0055) . . . **Portal:** Reg Pepper (0171-493 0706)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **CLOUD NINE:** Tom Cairns directs Caryl Churchill's first (1979) smash hit: sexual politics and colonialism, set in the Victorian era and after
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Tonight, 7.30pm. In rep

■ **CRACKED:** In Daniel Hill's curious comedy set in the desert, a cast of nine men, including Anthony Calf and Alexander Hanson, play members of an army unit intended to treat traumatised soldiers. Under pressure, they fall apart. Terry Johnson directs.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until May 17

■ **KING LEAR:** Ian Holm in the title role, heading a splendid cast (Timothy West as Gloucester, Michael Bryant as the Fool) in Richard Eyre's production
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow, 7pm, Thurs, 1pm. In rep.

☐ **KINGS:** Homer, the first two books, as Alan Howard thrillingly tells them, in Christopher Logue's translation. A rare chance to hear the quarrel between Achilles and Agamemnon presented as the poet intended, in live performance.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until April 19.

☐ **LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN:** Braham Murray's production of Wilde. Gabrielle Drake plays the woman with a past and Rebecca Johnson plays the virtuous wife without a mother
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

■ **MARLENE:** Siân Phillips plays (and sings) Dietrich in Pam Gems's attractive stage-bio, with Lou Gish and Billy Mathias. Sean Mathias directs.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

70 HILL LANE: Return visit of Phelim McDermott's *fascinating re-creation of* the time his childhood home was occupied by a poltergeist; using two helpers and rolls and rolls of Sellotape.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Until May 3

☐ **SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE:** Subtitled "The Songs of Leiber and Stoller". Hit Broadway compilation show celebrating a successful songwriting team, responsible for *Hound Dog, Jailhouse Rock* and *Spanish Harlem.*
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

☐ **SUPER-BEASTS:** *Cast of four,* including Moray Watson, in revue-style production of short stories and playlets by Saki. A show planned by Emlyn Williams in the 1970s but never previously performed.
Jermyn Street, 16b Jermyn St, SW1 (0171-287 2875). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat (May 17), 3pm. Until May 17.

☐ **THEN AGAIN . . . :** A new Lyric Revue, drawing on the sharper items from years gone by, plus fresh material. Neil Bartlett directs Desmond Barrit, Dawn French, Sheila Hancock and Neil Mullarkey, with John Gould at the piano.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm. Until April 19.

LONG RUNNERS

◩ **Buddy:** Strand (0171-930 8800)
☐ **Grease:** Cambridge (0171-494 5060)
◩ **An Inspector Calls:** Garrick (0171-494 5085) . . . ☐ **Jesus Christ Superstar:** Lyceum (0171-656 1807)
☐ **Miss Saigon:** Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . .
☐ **Oliver!:** Palladium (0171-494 5020)
■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . . .
☐ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) . . . ◩ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BITS AND PIECES (15): Dawn to dusk in Rome: a fascinating tapestry of modern life from director Antonello Grimaldi.
ABC Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470) **Everyman** (0171-435 1525)

CITIZEN KANE (U): Orson Welles's flamboyant examination of the American dream, first released in 1941.
ABC Panton Street (0171-930 0631)

◆ **THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK** (U): Minor technical improvements, otherwise the same *Star Wars* sequel as before. With Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Mark Hamill. Director, Irvin Kershner.
ABCs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Tottenham Crt Rd** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Leicester Square** (0181-315 4215) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

MANDELA (PG): Reverential documentary about Nelson Mandela, directed by Jo Menell and Angus Gibson
Gate Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **THE PEOPLE VS LARRY FLYNT** (18): Rollercoaster ride through the life *and court cases of the millionaire* pornographer, played by Woody Harrelson. Director, Milos Forman.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

TOTAL ECLIPSE (18): Tortured lives of poets Rimbaud and Verlaine. *Unedifying version of Christopher* Hampton's play, with Leonardo DiCaprio and David Thewlis.
ABC Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

TWIN TOWN (18): Crime and revenge in Swansea. Rough, rude and cruel comedy from TV actor Kevin Allen.
Gate (0171-727 4043) **Plaza** (0990 888990) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on the Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0990-888 990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **THE CRUCIBLE** (12): Weighty version of Arthur Miller's play about 17th-century witchcraft, with Winona Ryder, Daniel Day-Lewis and, best of all, Paul Scofield. Director, Nicholas Hytner
Odeon Haymarket (0181-315 4212)

◆ **DANTE'S PEAK** (12): Volcano threatens Pierce Brosnan and Linda Hamilton. Silly script, good effects
Empire (0990 888990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **HARD MEN** (18): Tension among London hitmen. Meretricious British thriller in the Tarantino mould, with Vincent Regan. Director, J.K. Amalou
ABC Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ **JERRY MAGUIRE** (15): A sports PR agent gets a conscience. Enjoyable, if overlong comedy, with Tom Cruise.
Empire (0990 888990) **Odeon Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **RIDICULE** (15): Patrice Leconte's witty and diverting costume piece.
ABC Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470) **Minema** (0171-235 4225)

◆ **SECRETS & LIES** (15): Mike Leigh's Cannes triumph: an uneven but absorbing tale about family life, its pains, bonds, and skeletons. With Brenda Blethyn and Timothy Spall.
ABC Panton Street (0171-930 0631) **Odeon Mezzanine** Ⓢ (0181-315 4215)

◆ **STAR WARS** (U): The movie milestone, with four extra minutes. With *Mark Hamill and Harrison Ford.*
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

THEATRE: Stripped-down Shakespeare; polemical satires in Dublin and Dundee

Royal fling, movie-style

Antony and Cleopatra
Bridewell

A small water pool shimmers, reminding the audience of the Bridewell's former incarnation as a bath house and serving as a neat symbol of the sensuality and pleasure which hold sway in Egypt under Mark Antony and Cleopatra's rule. Alphonsia Emmanuel's commanding Cleopatra frolics in the water, swathed in fabric which leaves her back and shoulders bare, quite in contrast to the stiff 1940s-style army fatigues of the Romans. The world suggested by Carol Metcalfe's production and Bridget Kimak's design is strangely reminiscent of an early Hollywood musical, with its blocks of set which do not pretend to be anything else, its lavish lighting by Geoff Spain and the dramatic music, mostly by Erich Wolfgang Korngold, who fled Nazi Austria and made his name composing film music in America.

In contrast, Emmanuel's performance is for real. She seizes the opportunity afforded by Shakespeare's wonderfully rich characterisation and elegantly combines regality and playfulness, political wit and emotional vulnerability, eroticism and intellect. Even in jealous outbursts or moments of immoderate rage, she maintains a crucial edge of self-knowledge and carries it off without ever appearing petty, weak or mean-spirited.

Jonathan Oliver's Mark Antony must work hard to keep pace with this performance, but he succeeds. His performance strengthens as his situation worsens, so that, appropriately, he is least at ease when still trying to live up to his own famous name, and most convincing when he has abandoned himself to his love and is losing the fight against Caesar. His failed suicide, which makes brilliant use of the pool, is an inspired moment.

The rest of the cast is less assured, with the exception of Guy Burgess, whose Alexas is a fascinatingly suave and snake-like creature in fez and immaculate linen suit, a fusion of all the political guile of both East and West. He is most at ease in bare feet but is never seen without a dandyish cigarette holder at his lips. His Pompey is another brilliantly assured creation, looking like a young Yassir Arafat in Western fatigues talking on an army telephone, a man of action whose humanity shines in contrast to Octavius Caesar's cold-hearted scheming.

On the whole, Metcalfe's production allows Shakespeare's play to speak for itself without directorial interference. In the interest of brevity, however, the text has been filleted to a manageable two and a half hours. While no longueurs remain, the cost, at times, is clarity, especially in Act III, when we whizz around the Mediterranean in movie-length scenes with only the rearrangement of rostrums to indicate whether we are in Rome, Athens or Egypt. Far better this way, though, than to waste time on cumbersome scene changes. The many virtues of the play remain spendidly intact.

CLARE BAYLEY

DONALD COOPER

Fair in love and war: Alphonsia Emmanuel and Jonathan Oliver

Unholy mess

Sour Grapes
Peacock, Dublin

Church music in the foyer, pungent wisps of incense in the auditorium and a wall-rattling trumpet blast quickly set the scene for Michael Harding's latest assault on the citadel of the clergy in Ireland. Digging into the news clippings of the past few years, Harding has concocted the story of a sex-abuse scandal that threatens the career of the recently appointed Bishop Lynam (played with corrosive spite by Clive Geraghty).

A young, possibly disturbed theological student (Shane Hagan) has made accusations against his superior. Gossip is rife among the young priests at the seminary, but only the faithless old country clergyman, Canon Adam Bailey (delivered with wrathful conviction by Pat Laffan), might be able to support the boy's story.

The clanging of Harding hammering home his message is slightly too loud, but he has some good comedy buried in here. Tom Murphy as Ciaran, the ginger priest who spent years studying philosophy but finds himself sweeping up mouse droppings and herding cows, offers respite from the more serious critiques. When Andrew Bennett's novice prelate details the background of his female house-guest, there is a glimpse of the sharper satire that might have been.

Brian Brady's direction is uneconomical, seldom passing up the opportunity for a spot of furniture moving. And the complexities of Jamie Vartan's set and Trevor Dawson's mammoth lighting plot certainly encourage busyness, but occasionally the whole thing looks overwrought.

LUKE CLANCY

Seeking the lost cause

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There are no big, brave causes worth fighting for any more, if you believe a certain one-time radical of a few years back. Of course, anyone with half an eye on current affairs knows this to be codswallop. The rise of single-issue politics has made accidental martyrs in the most unlikely quarters, showing political apathy as the myth it always was. But then, maybe it is just the leadership that is lacking. Same as it ever was, as Hector MacMillan's new play about the Spanish Civil War proves, even if it does go around the houses to do so.

Marching in with a modern, high-tech version of living newspapers — a series of propagandised songs and tableaux wrapped up in archive film — things then quieten down as present-day, ageing drifter Jock stubbornly obstructs a bulldozer about to rip up the land to lay pipelines.

Conflict comes with the authorities, these days an unheroic nun and a policewoman, who attempt to lure Jock into care. But he is having none of it, raging against the dying of the light as he relives his finest hour some 50 years earlier, fighting Franco's Fascists. As his past comes to life like a cartoon thought-bubble, we see his former comrades struggling to bring about a new world order, while in the halls of power other battles rage.

In some ways Hamish Glen's precise, impressionistic production is a delight. The image of Jock sitting cosily in his wheelchair is reminiscent not just of the recent road protests but of the boy standing defiant before a tank in Tiananmen Square.

Yet MacMillan's play cannot decide whether it wants to be a rabble-rousing, banner-waving polemic or a rose-tinted oral history lesson, and consequently ends up being both and neither. While the spritely choreographed war sequences lean towards the heroic, the first half hour looks and sounds like a dull radio play. It is surprising that such a welter of material could produce so little action.

Played on Nick Sargent's roaming set, Glen's production makes the best of the undramatic heavy weather by invading the stage with film, adding to the atmosphere. Derek Anders makes for a compassionate Jock.

The rest of the nine-strong ensemble lend able support, even if they are often reduced to ciphers. Jock himself may be seen as an ideological dinosaur but, MacMillan suggests, he hopes and looks forward to dinosaurs walking the earth once more.

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Street crime is worrying, says **Gary Slapper**, but corporate criminality far more so

Danger, suite crime

This week, as electioneering politicians try to supersede each other in the gravity of their remarks about street crime and its prevention, the issue of "suite crime" — corporate offending — may well be left out of account.

Such a big problem, however, is too injurious to the public to be ignored. Just how damaging some white-collar crime can be was highlighted earlier this month when the largest fraud case in English legal history ended at the Old Bailey with the conviction of the shipping tycoon Abbas Gokal. The charges against Mr Gokal, relating to the Bank of Credit and Commerce (BCCI) scandal, involved the sum of £750 million.

Crime has risen on the political agenda because of the widespread misery it is causing to so many people. Yet corporate offending causes much wider and more enduring misery without attracting the attention of those who are usually keen to increase policing, stiffen sentences, and reduce the rights of suspects in order to reduce offending.

Gokal: BCCI crook

Corporate fraud, commercial pollution of the air and water, computer offences and crimes relating to trades descriptions, food hygiene, pensions; health and safety, and securities all widely affect the public. The money stolen, injury inflicted and damage caused here are gigantic compared to the results of other crime. Yet the law, policing, investigation and sentencing in these areas are notably weak compared with others sorts of crime.

A Home Office document last month estimated that juvenile crime probably costs, overall, about £4 billion a year. This was regarded as alarming enough to warrant a call for a panoply of new measures, including child crime teams, highly co-ordinated inter-agency work and new court powers such as the Parental Control Order. Yet there is much more to panic about in relation to white-collar offences, which commentators have estimated to cost society between twice and ten times the amount lost in ordinary crime. Professor Michael Levi, for example, found that the total cost of fraud reported to fraud squads in 1985 was £2.1 billion, about twice the cost of theft, burglary and robbery in the same year. J.E. Conklin, an American criminologist, estimated that in the United States robbery during one year, theft and vehicle theft cost between $3 billion and $4 billion, compared with the $40 billion attributable to white-collar crime.

One big problem with white-collar crime is that it is rarely understood by the public to be as serious as "real" crime, even when the consequences of corporate delinquency are the same as those of personal offending.

Last year 22,400 people suffered from serious life-threatening assaults. But 29,475 people, employees and members of the public, suffered major injuries at work. Such injuries include loss of an eye and those requiring an amputation. Health and Safety Executive reports have shown that many incidents are preventable and attributable to management failures. Similarly, whereas there were, during 1995-96, about 180 cases of reckless manslaughter, 290 employees and members of the public were killed at work. Research has suggested that as many as 20 per cent of such workplace deaths result from gross negligence. Workers are seven times more likely to be killed at work than by homicide. And 10,000 people die annually from work-related chronic conditions such as mesothelioma and pneumoconiosis.

When corporations act dishonestly, the magnitude of the wrong is occasionally obvious. When BCCI was exposed in 1991 as having been involved in fraudulent practices entailing sums of up to £15 billion, there was perhaps little public doubt about the organisation's criminality. Local authorities in Britain lost about £100 million. But with some sorts of chicanery it is often difficult to appreciate the scale of the wrongdoing because each victim loses only a relatively small sum. As the criminologist Steven Box once observed, the public understands more easily what it means for an old lady to have £5 snatched from her purse than to grasp the financial significance of 25 million customers paying one penny more for orange juice diluted beyond the limit permitted by law.

Tom Cruise in *The Firm*, a story of a man who finds the law firm he joins is corrupt

The Serious Fraud Office, set up in 1987, handles about 60 cases of serious and complex fraud at any one time where the money at risk in each case is £1 million or more. Additionally, the Metropolitan and City Police Company Fraud Department, formed in 1946, is responsible for the investigation of large and complicated frauds involving limited companies and banks, and, more recently, offences of public sector corruption. This department is investigating 600 cases at any one time. The total at risk in these cases is invariably several hundred million pounds.

A teenager who drives his car with reckless disregard for the safety of others may hurt one or two people or six if he careers into a bus queue, but a reckless water company or pharmaceutical corporation can injure hundreds of thousands of people by one episode of criminal negligence. In 1991 South West Water Authority was convicted after the contamination of water at Camelford. Aluminium sulphate in the water caused many people to suffer and was said to be responsible for the death of about 500,000 fish.

Despite the inimical effects of corporate offending, the offenders face a low level of policing and a small likelihood of being prosecuted.

Failing resources for the Health and Safety Executive in recent years have resulted in heavy demands on its inspectors. In Britain, factories are inspected for safety offences on average every four years. There may be more than 150,000 building sites in Greater London, but only 20 inspectors to check site safety.

Conviction rates in the corporate sector seem low. One possibility is that the real level of corporate fraud is infinitesimally low — but it is more likely that the enormous resources needed to detect and successfully prosecute all corporate crime prevent most of it ever coming to light.

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Mr Howard gets something right

Andrew Mimmack

applauds an attempt at faster justice

Not long before the general election was called, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, proposed changes to the procedures governing which cases go to trial by jury. First responses were predictably dominated by strong feelings. But constitutionally significant though the 20th of the 33 proposals is, it would be a great pity if it crowded out discussion of the other 32 — or worse, resulted in their abandonment.

Much has been made of the alleged commitment in Magna Carta to the right of trial before one's peers. It is worth remembering that the same document commits the Crown to the provision of swift justice, saying: "To no man will we delay or deny justice."

It is in the interests of the prosecution — ie, in the interests of the victim — to have a case dealt with as quickly as possible, while witnesses have a clear recollection of the facts.

If the right person has been prosecuted, it is appropriate for him or her to be sentenced soon enough for him and for the public at large to recognise the link between the offence and the punishment. It is also desirable for the victim to have some chance of being compensated fairly quickly. Some degree of delay may be inevitable; for example, while forensic tests are carried out, or witnesses traced. Sadly, most delays are caused by inertia, inefficiency or downright obstructiveness.

The Home Office proposals, by Martin Narey of the department, are a welcome recognition of the need to tackle these delays at the earliest opportunity. From the justices clerk's perspective, the key to reducing delay lies in the implementation of an effective mechanism for controlling the progress of criminal cases so as to ensure that both prosecution and defence work to a clear, enforceable timetable.

Such a mechanism has existed successfully in the Family Proceedings Courts since the Children Act was implemented nearly six years ago. By giving the justices' clerks and their senior staff the function of setting a timetable for cases involving the welfare of children and insisting on compliance by the parties, it has been possible to provide an effective local forum for difficult and often sensitive cases.

The system's success in the family law context has been recognised by the Government's decision to transfer most of the work relating to domestic violence to the magistrates' courts.

If such a system can work well in the family context, there is no reason it should not prove equally effective in the criminal courts. Mr Narey proposes that instead of bailing defendants for up to six weeks, as happens at present, the police should instead require them to attend court on the next available day. If there is no dispute about the plea, the matter can be disposed of there and then, possibly no more than 24 hours after the offence. In many straightforward cases, this must be the most effective way of delivering justice. Many others, however, will just not be suitable for disposing of immediately, and it is for these cases that the introduction of statutory "early administrative hearings" is particularly welcome.

This procedure has been pioneered over the past few years in Bexley Magistrates' Court in South London. The aim is to ensure that the parliamentary steps, such as legal aid applications and requests to the Crown Prosecution Service for disclosure of evidence are taken quickly, instead of weeks after the decision to prosecute has been taken. This, with the proposal that the "case management" role should be placed in the hands of the justices' clerk, will go far towards ensuring that the commitment to justice without delay enshrined in Magna Carta actually has some meaning.

The introduction of an enforceable timetabling system should transform the role of the magistrate.

Magistrates' courts have become infinitely more sophisticated tribunals over the past few years, combining the local knowledge and common sense of the JPs with the professional expertise of their clerks. It is this mix of qualities that makes them equal to the task of identifying those cases for which jury trial is appropriate, taking into account the likely consequences for the defendant of a conviction among other relevant factors.

The Narey report rightly identifies changes to the right of trial procedure as having potential for substantial savings. But the proposals to cut delay and court appearances for each defendant will also mean less spending, a prospect likely to gladden the heart of any future Home Secretary, whichever party holds power after May.

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INNS AND OUTS

The Labour contenders

SPECULATION is becoming feverish over how an incoming Labour government would fill its law officer posts. The latest rumour is that Peter Goldsmith, QC, former Bar chairman, will be brought into the Lords, where he could be a contender, along with Lord Williams of Mostyn, for Attorney-General.

Mr Goldsmith is saying little, except that he would be happy to play his part in public service. And if the Tories pull it off against the odds, who would replace Lord Mackay of Clashfern as Chancellor? The obvious contender is Sir Patrick Mayhew. A more imaginative choice would be Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, Bar chairman turned NatWest chairman.

● SIGNS that the Law Society ructions of the past two years may be dying down. Robert Sayer, Vice-President of the Law Society last year to Martin Mears, has decided to throw in his lot with Philip Sycamore, Vice-President, and Michael Mathews, the Deputy Vice-President. So he will not fight Mr Sycamore for the presidency, although Mr Mears still plans to mount his own campaign.

Money matters

HOW DO British law firms react to the news (*The Times*, April 10) that American law firms are seeking three acres of space in London, enough to house more than 300 lawyers?

Anthony Salz, senior partner at Freshfields, is putting on a brave front. "It seems to confirm that the US firms recognise London is a very important place to be," he says. "The fact that the Americans are here is not a problem, so long as we are competing on a level playing field."

There's the rub: the huge gap in salary levels between the English and the Americans appear to tilt the balance.

Leading question

NEW guidance on preparing witness statements and dealing with witnesses in civil cases has been drawn up by the Bar Council, which highlights the fine line between testing a witness's recollection of events and coaching.

"At the risk of stating the obvious," the guidelines say, "this is a difficult area, calling for the exercise of careful judgment." Though a barrister must not "practise or coach a witness in relation to evidence", he or she can give general advice about giving evidence as well as "testing a witness's recollection robustly to ascertain the quality of his evidence".

The guidelines summarise: "...There is a distinction, when interviewing a witness, between questioning him closely in order to enable him to present his evidence fully and accurately or in order to test the reliability of his evidence (which is permissible) and questioning him with a view to encouraging the witness, to alter, massage or obscure his real recollection (which is not)."

More free lawyers

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● FRU, 0171-831 0692; Bar Pro Bono Unit, 0171-831 9711. Details of Solicitors Pro Bono Group: Tony Willis at Clifford Chance, 0171-600 1000

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SCANTILY CLAD women are not usually associated with accountants but the litigation support unit at the chartered accountants Clark Whitehill broke ground in its corporate entertaining when it offered its women lawyer clients a more colourful kind of hospitality. Mark Ladd, a partner in the firm, set up a fashion show and lunch with Cerruti 1881 and Escada. The event attracted 50 women lawyers — and there wasn't a dark suit, ruffled white blouse or long skirt to be seen.

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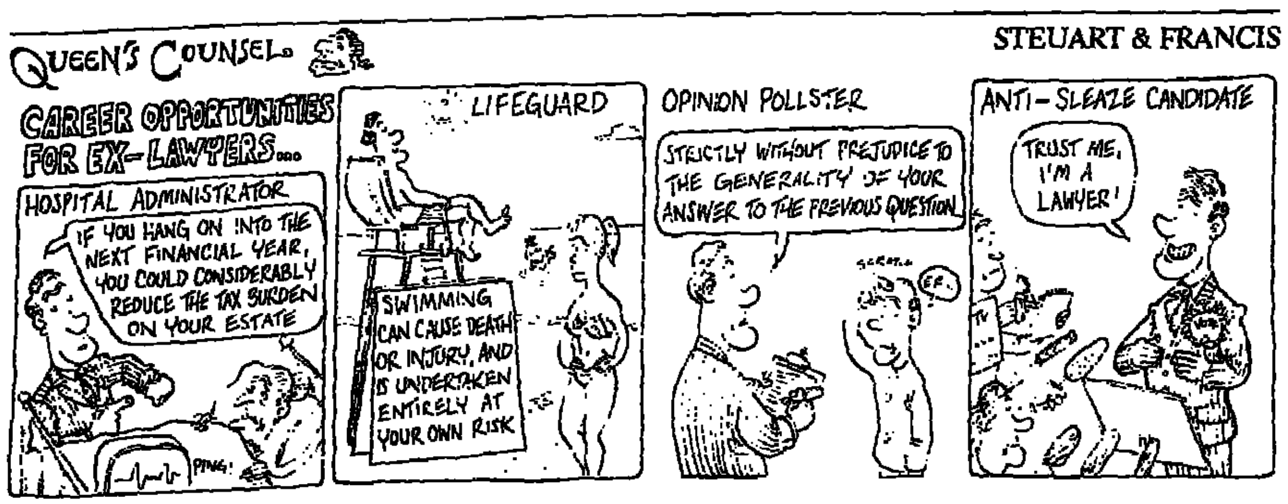
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James Morton outlines the case for a museum of old-fashioned justice in central England

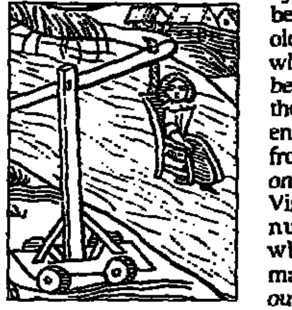
Dare you take your child to this museum?

Punished in Public

For modern youngsters, the stocks can be as much fun for the victim as for anyone else

As I arrived, the jury was filing back into the old Shire Hall on High Pavement, Nottingham. The jurors had agreed a verdict — guilty of sexual discrimination. The 14-year-old girl sitting in what looked like a county court judge's robes "sentenced" the defendant to a fine of £15,000.

Everyone agreed with the decision, then the jurors, counsel and defendant, took turns in sitting in the judge's chair before the facilitator handed them back their teacher. From the shrieks of delight as they were ushered out, it was clear that a good time had been had by all.



From a time when justice took a bath

The Galleries of Justice, which opened in the refurbished courtrooms and prison cells at Shire Hall at Easter, 1995, cater especially for schools and organisations wanting to give young people the chance to be involved in trials and both the criminal and civil justice systems in a hands-on way. Everyone — if only as a heckler because there was little order in court in the 18th century — has some sort of part in the script. And very popular it is proving with schools from as far away as Birkenhead, Merseyside. The very young have trials based on *Alice in Wonderland* and *Goldilocks*. There is a Christmas programme and a Victorian childhood programme for the modest fee of £2.95 a child. For the older children, there is a scripted version of trials for sexual and racial discrimination.

The Galleries also run courses for sixth forms with debates on capital punishment and the problems of HIV infection and for teacher-trainee colleges with courses on the problems of bullying and drugs. There is a full backup of education packs. Boots, the Nottingham-based pharmaceutical giant, will provide financial assistance for qualifying schools.

Depending on the time of year, school visitors may outnumber the walk-in public. Those — 70 per cent — who pay at the door get a tour of crime and punishment throughout the centuries, which should certainly not last less than two hours and a good deal more if you wish to linger. After a visit to watch a trial by ordeal, it is into the beautifully restored old criminal court where the clock has been stopped at 11.15, the time the last trial ended. There is a trial from 1832 and everyone is found guilty. Visitors are given a numbered ticket, which can be matched against various 19th-century villains and their punishments, before they go down into the cells to meet one of the many volunteers and part-time staff in the form of Charlie, who has a small room decked out as a Victorian jailer's room.

He says: "They have to come through that gate. And they are terrified. I just look at them and dare them to cross through until I say so. They'll just stand there. Of course, if there are children, it's a different matter."

Once he has allowed them into his sanctuary, he is a mine of information on prison and local history. It was from here that the prisoners were sent to the prison hulks to await transportation. And it is here that one Australian visitor was enchanted to find that one of her ancestors is featured in the exhibition of 19th-century punishment. Visitors can also go into the death cell to listen to a commentary by Syd Dernley, a former hangman, and to stand under a reconstructed gallows.

Afterwards, there is a chance to vote on the restoration of capital punishment. Karen Wyer, head of marketing, says: "It runs about 50-50, but soon after we opened, there was a series of child murders when the pro-hanging vote rose to more than 70 per cent."

But there is far more for the visitor than the macabre. Last year the Galleries were awarded a £4.2 million grant from the national lottery and this year they received the Calouste Gulbenkian award for outstanding achievement for museums. In 1998, the first part of phase 2 will open to incorporate the restored 1808 bath-house and laundry and the 1833 women's prison, along with a network of caves discovered in the excavations beneath the courts.

Easter 1999 should see the opening of a Discovery Centre, designed primarily for educational use.

There is now a Friends of the Galleries. The first meeting in February attracted more than 60 people — from retired and present judges and magistrates to electricians — of whom 65 per cent signed up to offer financial or tangible support. "Friends," says Mrs Wyer, "can be involved as much or as little as they like."

● *For further information, contact the Galleries of Justice, Shire Hall, High Pavement, Lace Market, Nottingham NG1 1HN (0115-952 0555). The Galleries are open from Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 6pm from April to September and to 5pm for the rest of the year. They are closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Entry: £4.25 adults, £2.95 five to 14-year-olds; concessions for groups and schools.*

Women making a difference

Frances Gibb announces the winners of the achievement contest

Gaymer: overall winner

Janet Gaymer, an employment law partner with the City law firm Simmons & Simmons, won the Times Woman of Achievement Award on Saturday in a strong field of nominations.

Mrs Gaymer, who flew in from Brussels to receive her award at the Third Woman Lawyer conference, is highly regarded, both for her work in employment law and generally in the profession. One of her nominators said: "She has totally changed the culture within the firm towards equal opportunities, including paternity leave."

Mrs Gaymer has chaired the Employment Lawyers Association, while remaining, as a nominator put it, "unstinting in advising and supporting women solicitors in relation to employment problems".

Le Cointe: group award

The runner-up was Judith Mayhew, director of education and training and also an employment lawyer at Wilde Sapte. She recently became the first woman leader of the City of London Corporation in its 1,100-year history.

Elpha Le Cointe received the award on behalf of 1 Pump Court, in the Temple, the chambers winning the group award for the firm, chambers or department contributing most to equal opportunities. The set, founded in 1978, has pioneered equality policy and practice, and has its own equality officer and procedures for tackling grievances and recruitment.

Kennedy: outstanding

Runner-up was Davies Arnold Cooper, the City law firm that has introduced a career path for legal executives, allowing them to rise to partnership status.

Two special Lifetime Achievement Awards were created to acknowledge the outstanding work of two women in the law: Dame Mary Arden, the High Court judge who chairs the Law Commission and is president of the Association of Women Barristers; and Helena Kennedy, QC, the radical barrister, broadcaster and writer, and Chancellor of Oxford Brookes University.

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Dated: 27 March 1997
L A Manning, Liquidator

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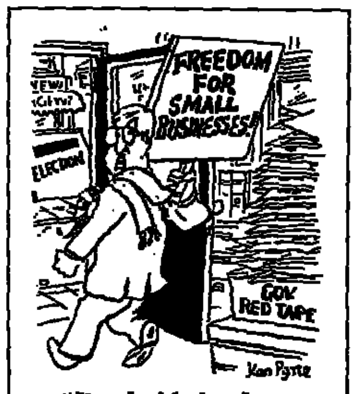
PROSPECTIVE franchisees need to look carefully at a franchiser's approach and track record before making any commitment, Richard Cracknell, national franchising co-ordinator at Barclays Bank, advises.

Mr Cracknell has issued a list of do's and don'ts for visitors to the franchise exhibition organised by CII at Hall 1 at the Wembley Conference and Exhibition Centre on Friday and Saturday.

☐ Avoid the hard-sell approach of an organisation that puts a time limit on your decision and offers discounts for a quick commitment.
☐ Be wary of verbal commitments that will not be in the contract.
☐ Be cautious of organisations that will not provide full lists of all existing franchisees.
☐ Be cautious of dealing with organisations that are new to franchising and have not fully proved their system with a pilot programme.
☐ Do consider organisations that have used professional specialist advisers to set up the operation, are members of the British Franchise Association and have not had any previous failures.

Mr Cracknell says: "Franchisees also need to assess their own strengths and weaknesses such as the level of support from their family, their personal commitment to the enterprise and their relevant skills and experience for the particular franchise.

"They need to consider whether the branded product or service offered by the franchiser is well known and whether it is likely to continue being successful, particularly in view of existing or perceived competition."



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Chain reaction: the shop style that Applewoods Retail hopes will quickly become a common sight on Britain's high streets as it attempts to build a chain of more than 100 stores

Applewoods is looking upmarket

APPLEWOODS RETAIL, a toiletries and cosmetics franchise that aims to be an upmarket Body Shop, is exhibiting at Wembley for the first time this year.

Launched only six months ago, Applewoods Retail has already allocated 15 territories and intends to develop a nationwide chain that will have more than 100 stores in prime locations.

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Franchise fervour continues to rise

Ready-made businesses prove popular, says **Rodney Hobson**

FRANCHISING is still growing at a rapid rate, according to an annual report by NatWest Bank. Franchising is employing more people, attracting better-qualified franchisees and providing bigger profits.

The 1997 report, produced in conjunction with the British Franchise Association, identified 541 franchise systems at the end of last year, a 14.1 per cent increase year on year and a 30.7 per cent leap from the figure two years ago.

The number of units was up a more modest 4.3 per cent to 26,800, but if the 5,300 dairy franchises are excluded the rise was 9.1 per cent, with non-dairy franchises passing the 20,000 mark for the first time.

The figures suggest that franchising will continue to expand as the large number of new systems step up recruitment. Peter Stern, head of NatWest's franchising section, says: "There is an indication that it takes time for new franchise systems to be adopted by individuals. Therefore it is logical that the lower rate of growth in units is due to the effect of lag in franchisees adopting the idea after the system has been set up. Nevertheless, this year's increase in units illustrates that many of last year's newly identified franchisers are now attracting franchisees."

Franchising to a set business format now commands annual turnover of £6.4 billion. If the term is used in its widest sense to include car dealers, petrol retailing and the licensed trade, it accounts for annual sales of £33.3 billion. Mr Stern estimates that franchising provides jobs for 264,100 people, an increase of 18.6 per cent from a year earlier.

Mr Stern says that the proportion of franchisees making a profit, 94 per cent, is the highest recorded in the 13 years that the survey has been running. The 95 per cent who see even better times ahead represents a record level of optimism. Satisfaction among franchisees is also at an all-time high, with 92 per cent saying they are happy with their relationship with their franchiser.

Although 69 franchise systems ceased to operate last year, Mr Stern says that commercial failure is rare. Only four systems went bust in 1996, three in 1995 and five in 1994.

Many franchisees live on after the system itself is withdrawn. Mr Stern says: "Many succesful businesses owe their existence to the opportunity that franchising presented them, even though they are no longer trading with the support of a franchiser."

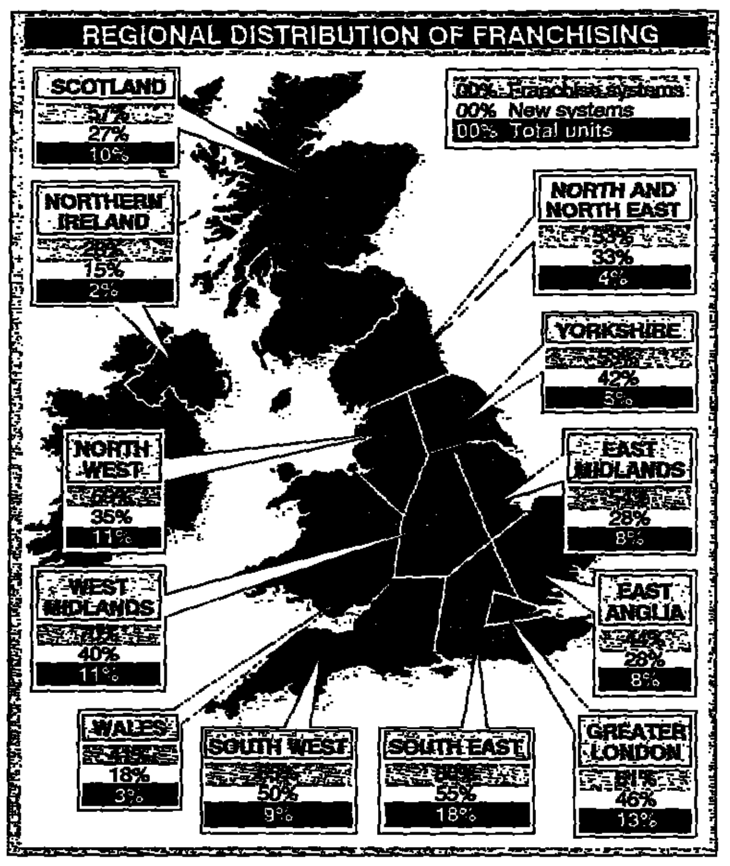
The survey found that most franchisees operated as sole traders, while 22 per cent form partnerships and 23 per cent limited companies. Turnover appears to dictate the decision: where annual turnover is less than £50,000, sole traders comprise 80 per cent of outlets, but among franchisees with sales of more than £200,000 a year, 40 per cent set up limited companies. Franchisees operating a single unit are four times as common as those with more than one territory.

Franchisers have become less concerned about the age or gender of applicants. They are more interested in whether people are self-motivated, hard workers and financially aware. Increasingly they are looking for selling and marketing experience that can be harnessed to expand the system.

The average initial outlay in setting up a franchise continues to fall, from £44,900 in 1994 to £43,700 in 1995 and £40,200 last year. Most also charge a management services fee and/or a contribution to advertising. Banks remain the main source of finance for franchisees who need to borrow.

EXHIBITORS ALREADY LOOKING AHEAD

EVEN before the Wembley exhibition opens its doors, exhibitors are looking to the next big event, at the NEC in October. With more than 150 stands already booked, Miller Freeman, the organiser, expects to beat last year's record of 200 exhibitors. Companies already signed up include McDonald's, Pronta-print, DynoRod, Red Star Parcels, Mobile Phone Centres and Domino's Pizza. There will also be at least one newcomer to the event, Bang & Olufsen, the hi-fi specialist. The British Franchise Association, the exhibition's main sponsor, has organised free seminars and will announce its franchisee of the year.



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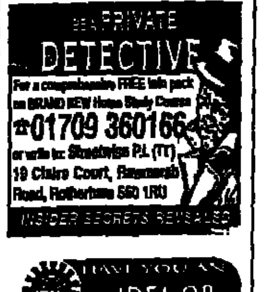

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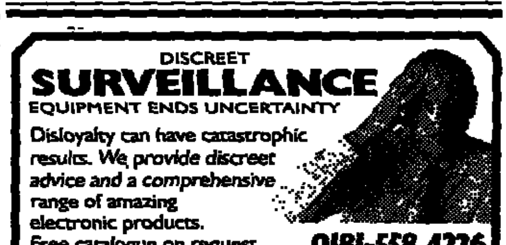

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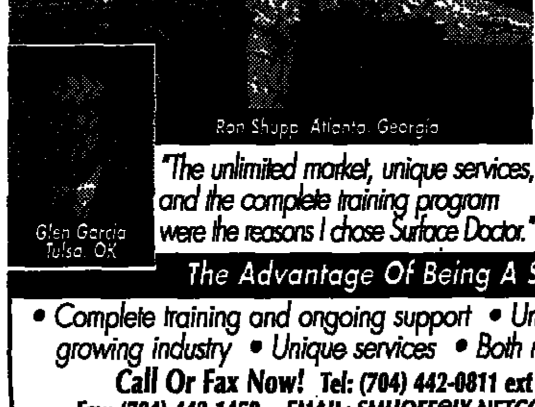

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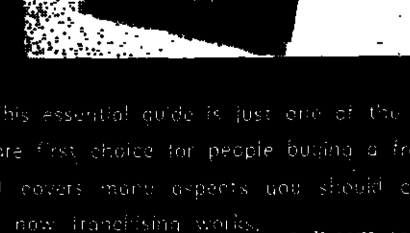

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RACING: LACK OF RAIN CAUSES DIFFICULTIES AS CRAVEN MEETING GETS UNDER WAY

Oh Nellie to have fitness advantage

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

AN OMINOUS record has already been established this year at Newmarket where the "proper" Flat season gets under way today with the start of the informative three-day Craven meeting. And it is one which could spell trouble for the turf, quite literally, in the weeks ahead.

The near drought conditions have meant only two inches of rain have fallen at Headquarters in 1997 — less than a third of the amount which normally arrives during the first quarter of a year.

Nick Lees, clerk of the course, said yesterday: "It is a record low to the best of our knowledge. Normally we would not have to water the course for the Craven meeting but we started three weeks ago and we have watered five times. Two and a half inches went on last week and an inch and a quarter the week before.

"We stopped last night and I hope the ground will remain good on Tuesday. I suspect it will be good, fast ground on Wednesday and I suppose good to firm on Thursday."

Although Newmarket's two courses have access to a 15-million gallon reservoir which should help to ensure decent ground for much of the season, other tracks are not so fortunate and they could face severe difficulties unless the rains arrive.

The dry weather has already restricted what trainers can do on Newmarket's gallops and potential lack of fitness, combined with a bug which has affected several yards, should ensure that this meeting maintains its reputation for bursting bubbles with short-priced classic hopes falling by the wayside.

Barry Hills yesterday highlighted another climatic problem which makes it harder to have horses as forward as trainers would like. "When you get the temperature changing more than 30 degrees in a day — as they have been recently — it is not good for horses. They can't cope with it very well."

Hills saddles Elegant Warning in today's feature race, the Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes — one of four Newmarket races televised — and she is likely to be among the favourites after showing progressive form last term, which culminated in winning a listed race at Doncaster last October by five length from Open Credit.

"She seems all right but I would have liked to have done a bit more with her at home. However, with the prospect of the ground getting firm soon, I wanted to get a race into her before the Guineas," he said.

That suggests the Warning filly may be better for today's reappearance and it could pay to side with **Oh Nellie**, who ran a cracker behind Monaassib in an all-aged race at Kempton on her British debut 15 days ago. In Canada last year, her only defeat from four starts came when she appeared not to stay a mile.

Pat Eddery, who yesterday underwent treatment from a chiropractor for a pulled back muscle, partners Oh Nellie for Neville Callaghan and earlier in the day he can help to solve a tricky-looking April Maiden Stakes (2.05) by obliging on the Roger Charlton-trained **Salamah**. The unraced Sadler's Wells colt has been showing up nicely at home and is preferred to Prairie Falcon and Final Trial.

Poteen is the clear form choice in the NGK Spark Plugs Conditions Stakes (3.45). Although not fully wound up, the Luca Cumani-trained colt should still be good enough to beat Za-Im and underline his 2,000 Guineas claims.

Richard Hannon may hold the key to the Abernant Stakes (2.35) in which he runs Cayman Kai and Wildwood Flower. Cayman Kai, winner of the Free Handicap at this meeting last year, will not be inconvenienced by the step back to six furlongs and goes well fresh, but Hannon rates the progressive **Wildwood Flower** group class material and she is just preferred.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

MARTIN LYNCH

Poteen, runner-up in the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster last term, reappears at Newmarket today

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2.20: Every dog has his day and PRIDWELL looks to have a perfect opportunity to collect his first victory of the campaign here. Martin Pipe's talented but untrustworthy character is rated more than three stone superior to his two rivals and even he will find it hard to lose with Richard Dunwoody in the saddle.

2.55: Gales Cavalier beat Viking Flagship in this race last year, but David Gandolfo's chaser has yet to reproduce that form this season. However, both may have to give way to the progressive STRONG PROMISE. Geoff Hubbard's talented six-year-old was a good second to Martha's Son at Aintree and goes particularly well on fast ground and over this course and distance.

3.30: Although he is out of the handicap, two bits of form give the Mark Wilkinson-trained Seabrook Lad a chance here, including a decent seventh behind Red Blazer at Leicester in January.

He is now 21lb better off with Friendship, who was less than eight lengths ahead of him that day. However, Nicky Henderson's progressive hurdler has collected twice since and FRIENDSHIP just gets the nod. Sir Dante, another attempting to complete a treble, looks best of the rest.

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Nap: SALAMAH
(2.05 Newmarket)
NB: Wildwood Flower
(2.35 Newmarket)

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2.05 Salamah
2.35 Monaassib
3.10 Elegant Warning
3.45 Poteen
4.15 Satin Stone
4.45 GREAT CHILD (nap)
5.20 Monitor

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 MONAASSIB.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.05 STREET GENERAL (nap). 4.15 Satin Stone. 5.20 Monitor.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE
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2.05 APRIL MAIDEN STAKES C4
(3-Y-O: £4,464: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

101	(4)		ASSURED GAMBLE (P Head) C Brittain 9-0	B Doyle	–
102	(7)	6	FLASHTALKIN' FLOOD 11 (R Flood Bloodstock Ltd) C Dwyer 9-0	J Stack	–
103	(8)	50-6	NOT FORGOTTEN 47 (V) (R Trontz) P Kelleway 9-0	K Darley	–
104	(2)	060-	PERTEMPS MISSION 190 (Pertemps Ltd) J Pearce 9-0	M Wigham	77
105	(1)	35-2	PRAIRIE FALCON 15 (Lady Harrison) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	98
106	(6)		SALAMAH (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-0	Pat Eddery	–
107	(5)	2-	STREET GENERAL 167 (L Gaucci) H Cecil 9-0	K Fallon	[illegible]
108	(9)		AUTUMN TIME (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9	J Reid	–
109	(3)	00-	BISQUET-DE-BOUCHE 157 (M Brook) R Dickin 8-9	P Mundy (7)	–

BETTING: 2-1 Prairie Falcon, 5-2 Street General, 3-1 Salamah, 9-2 Autumn Time, 10-1 Assured Gamble, 20-1 Pertemps Mission, 25-1 others.

1996: SHERPAS 9-0 Pat Eddery (7-2 fav) H Cecil 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

FLASHTALKIN' FLOOD about 8l 6th of 7 to Davoski in Lingfield auction maiden (AW, 1m 2f). NOT FORGOTTEN 30¾l last of 6 to Running Stag in Lingfield maiden (AW, 1m 2f). PERTEMPS MISSION 9l 7th of 10 to Silver Patriarch in Pontefract maiden (1m 2f, good). PRAIRIE FALCON short-head 2nd of 6 to Single Empire in Kempton maiden (1m 3f, good to firm). STREET GENERAL 1l 2nd of 13 to Mandilak in Yarmouth maiden (1m, good).
Selection: PRAIRIE FALCON

2.35 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE/JOCKEYS ASSOCIATION ABERNANT STAKES C4
(Listed race: £10,657: 6f) (8 runners)

201	(8)	051300-	RAMBLING BEAR 191 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Hill) M Blanshard 4-9-8	R Cochrane	93
202	(1)	12/1450-	CAYMAN KAI 258 (C,F,S) (I Wight) R Hannon 4-9-6	Pat Eddery	92
203	(2)	03300-2	EASY DOLLAR 24 (B,CD,F,G) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 5-9-2	A Clark	92
204	(3)	20122-1	MONAASSIB 15 (D,F) (Maktoum al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 6-9-2	D O'Donohoe	[illegible]
205	(7)	1202P4-	SYLVA PARADISE 198 (D,F,S) (Eddy Grimstead Honda) C Brittain 4-9-2	M Roberts	96
206	(5)	10044-2	CARRANITA 15 (CD,F,G,S) (Lamb Lane Associates) B Palling 7-9-1	T Sprake	96
207	(6)	402043-	MY MELODY PARKES 244 (F) (J Heler) J Berry 4-8-11	K Darley	87
208	(4)	315155-	WILDWOOD FLOWER 178 (CD,F,G) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 4-8-11	Dane O'Neill	94

BETTING: 5-2 Monaassib, 7-2 Carranita, 4-1 Cayman Kai, 6-1 Easy Dollar, Wildwood Flower, 11-1 Rambling Bear, 14-1 Sylva Paradise, My Melody Parkes

1996: PASSION FOR LIFE 3-8-5 Pat Eddery (11-4 fav) G Lewis 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

RAMBLING BEAR 8l 9th of 10 to Kistena in group I Prix de L'Abbaye at Longchamp (5f, good to soft). CAYMAN KAI 19l 8th of 10 to First Island in group I Sussex Stakes at Goodwood (1m, good to firm). EASY DOLLAR 2l 2nd of 8 to Royal Applause in listed race at Doncaster (6f, good to firm). MONAASSIB beat Oh Nellie ¾l in 11-runner conditions race at Kempton (6f, good to firm). SYLVA PARADISE about ¾l 4th of 12 to Diffident in group II Racal Diadem Stakes at Ascot (6f, good to firm) with CARRANITA about 7¾l 11th. CARRANITA 3½l 2nd of 8 to Russian Music in conditions race at Warwick (7f, good to firm).
MY MELODY PARKES ½l and neck 3rd of 6 to Bowden Rose in conditions race at Salisbury (5f, good). WILDWOOD FLOWER about 3½l 5th of 15 to Russian Revival in listed race over course and distance (good) with CARRANITA (5lb worse off) about ½l 7th.
Selection: MONAASSIB

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.10 SHADWELL STUD NELL GWYN STAKES C4
(Group III: 3-Y-O fillies: £19,188: 7f) (10 runners)

301	(3)	1-	BAKED ALASKA 179 (C,G) (Cliveden Stud) A Stewart 8-9	M Roberts	70
302	(5)	104-	CAERFILLY DANCER 192 (F) (Fernsay Ltd) R Akehurst 8-9	S Sanders	71
303	(7)	11402-	CONNEMARA 256 (G) (Dr A Haloute) C Dwyer 8-9	J Reid	83
304	(2)	212202-	DAME LAURA 215 (C,F) (A Morrison) H Morrison 8-9	T Quinn	85
305	(9)	2311-	ELEGANT WARNING 171 (C,F,G) (P Elson) B Hills 8-9	M Hills	96
306	(1)	2-	IMPERIAL SCHOLAR 234 (E & Mrs M Kwee) J Eustace 8-9	R Cochrane	64
307	(6)	21-	MISS SANCERRE 169 (D,S) (J Pearce) G Wragg 8-9	L Dettori	77
308	(8)	1114-2	OH NELLIE 15 (D,F,G) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 8-9	Pat Eddery	[illegible]
309	(10)	212-	OPEN CREDIT 171 (C,G) (Buckram Oak Holdings) H Cecil 8-9	K Fallon	80
310	(4)	13-	REUNION 204 (F) (Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) J Hills 8-9	R Hills	72

BETTING: 6-4 Elegant Warning, 4-1 Oh Nellie, 5-1 Open Credit, 7-1 Dame Laura, 8-1 Baked Alaska, 10-1 Miss Sancerre, Connemara, 12-1 others.

1996: THRILLING DAY 8-9 D Harrison (20-1) N Graham 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAKED ALASKA beat MISS SANCERRE 1l in 22-runner maiden here (6f, good). CONNEMARA neck 2nd of 7 to Carmine Lake in group III Jockey Club Of Kenya Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood (5f, good to firm). DAME LAURA 2l 2nd of 11 to Reams Of Verse in group III May Hill Stakes at Doncaster (1m, good to firm). ELEGANT WARNING completed double beat OPEN CREDIT 5l in 7-runner listed race at Doncaster (6f, good). MISS SANCERRE beat Kilshanny 3l in 11-runner maiden at Lingfield (7f, good to soft). OH NELLIE ¾l 2nd of 11 to Monaassib in conditions race at Kempton (6f, good to firm).
REUNION head and 2l last of 3 to Imroz in conditions race at Leicester (7f, firm).
Selection: OH NELLIE

3.45 NGK SPARK PLUGS CONDITIONS STAKES C4
(3-Y-O: £4,789: 7f) (5 runners)

401	(4)	12-	POTEEN 171 (D,S) (Lord Vestey) L Cumani 9-1	Pat Eddery	[illegible]
402	(5)	1-	SUGARFOOT 269 (F) (Mrs D Wright) N Tinkler 9-1	K Darley	64
403	(1)	51-	ZA-IM 173 (S) (Hamdan al-Maktoum) B Hills 9-1	R Hills	88
404	(3)		CHURCHILL'S SHADOW (R Gray) B Pearce 8-11	K Fallon	–
405	(2)		SPACE RACE (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-11	L Dettori	–

BETTING: 4-7 Poteen, 5-2 Za-Im, 8-1 Sugarfoot, 16-1 Space Race, 25-1 Churchill's Shadow

1996: SANMARTINO 4-10-0 Pat Eddery (Evens fav) B Hills 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

POTEEN ½l 2nd of 9 to Medaaly in group I Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster (1m, good). SUGARFOOT beat Farringdon Future 1¼l in 6-runner auction maiden at Ayr (6f, good to firm). ZA-IM beat Soviet State 2l in 23-runner maiden at Newbury (6f, soft). CHURCHILL'S SHADOW, Half-brother by Polish Precedent to high-class 5f-7f winner Diffident. SPACE RACE. Half-brother by Rock Hopper to five winners.
Selection: POTEEN

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TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
B Palling	3	10	30.0	Pat Eddery	99	477	20.8
H Cecil	58	237	24.5	W R Swinburn	44	305	14.4
R Charlton	18	84	21.4	L Dettori	66	465	14.2
J Gosden	41	287	14.3	J Weaver	22	177	12.4
E Dunlop	6	49	12.2	T Sprake	5	41	12.2
B Hills	28	246	11.4	J Stack	8	67	11.9
P Cole	21	190	11.1	D Holland	9	76	11.8

4.15 ALEX SCOTT MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O colts & geldings: £4,659: 7f) (12 runners)

501	(4)	4-4	BEYOND CALCULATION 15 (BF) (Abacus) P Harris 8-11	J Reid	92
502	(9)	0-	BROAD RIVER 222 (Maktoum al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 8-11	D O'Donohoe (3)	–
503	(11)	0-	CHAKRA 328 (Eurostrait Ltd) S Dow 8-11	M Roberts	–
504	(10)	4-	DARNAWAY 167 (Sir David Wills) H Cecil 8-11	K Fallon	83
505	(7)	2-	JUDICIAL SUPREMACY 174 (W Gredley) J Fanshawe 8-11	Pat Eddery	88
506	(12)		KOMI (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	–
507	(5)	022-5	MOONSHINER 19 (Baron G von Ullmann) G Wragg 8-11	M Hills	90
508	(1)	5-	REGAL THUNDER 194 (Mrs R Sadd) M Stoute 8-11	K Darley	80
509	(8)		SATIN STONE (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11	L Dettori	–
510	(6)	3-	SHAWAF 282 (Hamdan al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11	R Hills	83
511	(3)	0	SOLAR STORM 19 (T Harris) M Bell 8-11	M Fenton	–
512	(2)	352-	WASP RANGER 195 (C Wright) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	[illegible]

BETTING: 5-2 Darnaway, 3-1 Shawaf, 9-2 Komi, Satin Stone, 7-1 Beyond Calculation, Regal Thunder, 10-1 Wasp Ranger, 12-1 others.

1996: ELSALEET 9-0 L Dettori (7-2) J Gosden 11 ran

4.45 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £6,409: 7f) (20 runners)

601	(9)	316-	REDWING 198 (D,G) (Sir Thomas Pilkington) J Dunlop 9-7	K Darley	88
602	(18)	23245-4	BLUE GOBLIN 15 (B,BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-4	L Dettori	96
603	(11)	13503-4	STONE FLOWER 17 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-3	J Reid	97
604	(8)	201120-	SHARP HAT 180 (F,G) (J Smith) R Hannon 9-1	R Hughes	94
605	(12)	650-	SHALAAL 196 (Maktoum al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 8-13	D O'Donohoe (3)	90
606	(1)	120-	PASSIFLORA 157 (F) (Mrs K Grieve (Susan Abbott Racing)) J Dunlop 8-11	G Duffield	90
607	(10)	0626-1	SHARE DELIGHT 24 (D,F) (A Morton) B Hills 8-10	M Hills	97
608	(16)	234-	SLEEPLESS 207 (Mrs A Scotney) N Graham 8-9	D Holland	95
609	(15)	543-	GREAT CHILD 159 (Saeed Suhail) M Stoute 8-8	K Fallon	94
610	(20)	522-	TOPATORI 302 (M Bowring) M Tompkins 8-8	M Henry (3)	82
611	(4)	34321-	JUST NICK 155 (S) (D Clarke) W Muir 8-7	Pat Eddery	93
612	(7)	064-1	WEE DRAM 20 (G) (Bloomsbury Stud) R Hannon 8-7	Dane O'Neill	98
613	(6)	005-	AL MASROOR 211 (Al Muallim Partnership) J Payne 8-6	A McGlone	87
614	(5)	42-5224	PLAN FOR PROFIT 32 (F) (Professional Racing Partnership) M Johnston 8-6	J Weaver	[illegible]
615	(3)	130-	SMART BOY 263 (F) (HRH Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 8-5	T Quinn	91
616	(14)	3535-	SUMMER QUEEN 249 (Arashan Ali) S Woods 8-3	A Clark	86
617	(2)	3300-0	SARATOGA RED 32 (BF) (T Mohan) W O'Gorman 8-1	Emma O'Gorman	89
618	(13)	010-0	HOH FLYER 17 (BF,G) (D Allport) M Bell 8-0	R Mullen (5)	94
619	(19)	0123-	ROYAL BLACKBIRD 158 (G) (E Carter) J Banks 7-10	J Quinn	96
620	(17)	0560-0	LINDEN'S LAD 17 (Electronic & Software Publications) J Jenkins 7-10	N Carlisle	94

Long handicap: Linden's Lad 7-9

BETTING: 6-1 Share Delight, 7-1 Stone Flower, 8-1 Sleepless, 10-1 Blue Goblin, Sharp Hat, Great Child, Shalaal, 14-1 others.

1996: SKY DOME 8-4 P Robinson (14-1) M Tompkins 13 ran

5.20 MUSEUM MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,854: 1m 2f) (18 runners)

1	(14)	0-	BEDOUIN HONDA 285 (Eddy Grimstead Honda) C Brittain 9-0	B Doyle	–
2	(5)	60-	FABLED LIGHT 167 (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 9-0	M Hills	75
3	(13)		FINAL STAGE (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	J Reid	–
4	(17)	6-	GARUDA 250 (B Demuyser) J Dunlop 9-0	T Quinn	–
5	(16)		GROUCHO (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-0	K Darley	–
6	(7)	0-	KINGFISHER MILL 251 (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 9-0	Pat Eddery	77
7	(9)		MONITOR (Buckram Oak Holdings) H Cecil 9-0	K Fallon	–
8	(3)	3-	NATURAL EIGHT 180 (Mrs M Siu) B Hills 9-0	R Hills	86
9	(15)	0-	NICHOL FIFTY 176 (L Bedacky) M Tompkins 9-0	D Biggs	–
10	(2)	0655-	PADAUK 185 (G Steinberg) M Haynes 9-0	G Carter	85
11	(10)	44324-	PARTY ROMANCE 191 (Abdullah Ali) B Hanbury 9-0	J Stack	[illegible]
12	(18)	0-	PURIST 158 (R Barnett) M Stoute 9-0	L Dettori	–
13	(12)	45-	RECOURSE 195 (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan	89
14	(1)		SHADIANN (HH Aga Khan) L Cumani 9-0	O Urbina	–
15	(8)		SLIPSTREAM (Mathews Breeding and Racing) R Guest 9-0	G Duffield	–
16	(6)	4	HIGHLY RESPECTED 25 (G Mytton) A Bailey 8-9	D Wright	90
17	(4)		KEENEST RELUCTANCE (W Gredley) J Fanshawe 8-9	D Harrison	–
18	(11)		MAID OF CAMELOT (A Oppenheimer) R Charlton 8-9	T Sprake	–

BETTING: 7-2 Monitor, 5-1 Natural Eight, 6-1 Recourse, 6-1 Final Stage, Groucho, 10-1 Shadiann, 12-1 others.

1996: DOVALY 9-0 Pat Eddery (8-1) H Cecil 16 ran

CHELTENHAM

THUNDERER

2.20 Pridwell
2.55 Strong Promise
3.30 Friendship
4.00 Flimsy Truth
4.35 Regal Aura
5.10 Sterling Fellow

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

2.20 MITIE GROUP HURDLE C4
(£5,434: 2m 4f) (3 runners)

1	542002	PRIDWELL 10 (C,D,F,G,S) (Jones, Berstock and Fleet) M Pipe 7-11-8	R Dunwoody	[illegible]
2	233034	MITHRAIC 31 (F) (C M Racing) W Cunningham 5-11-0	R Johnson	54
3	51-3501	HANDY LASS 13 (F,G,S) (G Hackling) J Smith 8-10-9	T J Murphy	61

BETTING: 1-5 Pridwell, 9-2 Mithraic, 10-1 Handy Lass.

1996: HOPS AND POPS 9-11-3 R Dunwoody (5-1) R Alner 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRIDWELL 1½l 2nd of 7 to Bimsey in grade I Martell Aintree Hurdle at Aintree (2m 4f, good). MITHRAIC 15¾l 4th of 21 to Far Ahead in novice hurdle at Newcastle (3m, good). HANDY LASS beat Peter Monamy 3l in 16-runner amateur riders' handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m 2f, good).
Selection: PRIDWELL (nap)

2.55 FAUCETS FOR MIRA RADA SHOWERS SILVER TROPHY CHASE C4
(Grade II: £18,840: 2m 5f) (4 runners)

1	214152	STRONG PROMISE 11 (C,BF,F,G) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 6-11-7	N Williamson	98
2	232230	GALES CAVALIER 11 (CD,G,S) (Starlight Racing) D Gandolfo 9-11-4	R Dunwoody	86
3	2-24133	VIKING FLAGSHIP 11 (C,F,G,S) (Roach Foods Ltd) D Nicholson 10-11-4	R Johnson	[illegible]
4	U0-03PP	CELTIC LAIRD 34 (G) (S Lewis) D Burchell 9-11-0	D J Burchell	50

BETTING: 8-11 Strong Promise, 6-4 Viking Flagship, 8-1 Gales Cavalier, 50-1 Celtic Laird

1996: GALES CAVALIER 8-11-4 M Dwyer (7-1) D Gandolfo 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

STRONG PROMISE 5l 2nd of 4 to Martha's Son in Grade I Mumm Melling Chase at Aintree (2m 4f, good) with VIKING FLAGSHIP (3lb better off) 3½l 3rd. GALES CAVALIER (last years winner) 7l 3rd of 4 to Certainly Strong in handicap chase at Sandown (3m, good to firm) on penultimate start. VIKING FLAGSHIP 3l 3rd of 6 to Martha's Son in Grade I Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start with STRONG PROMISE (3lb worse off) 6l 5th. CELTIC LAIRD best effort this term dist last of 3 to Comedy Road in handicap chase at Worcester (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: VIKING FLAGSHIP

3.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE FINAL C4
(Grade III: £16,200: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1	0-12151	SPRING GALE 43 (D,F,G) (Crabb/East/May/Moore) O Sherwood 6-11-12	J Osborne	90
2	112321	GOOD VIBES 15 (G) (G Shouler) T Easterby 5-11-11	L Wyer	95
3	1-3411	FRIENDSHIP 39 (G) (T Benfield and W Brown) N Henderson 5-11-7	M A Fitzgerald	94
4	60412F	FANTASY LINE 15 (D,BF,S) (Mrs P Starkey) P Webber 6-11-4	A Thornton	90
5	6-12311	LANCE ARMSTRONG 39 (V,D,G,S) (G Porter) G McCourt 7-11-2	D Fortt (3)	90
6	45012P	SILVER THYNE 11 (B,D,G,S) (R & E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-1	D Leahy	[illegible]
7	030P11	SIR DANTE 15 (D,F,G) (P Wilby) R Rowe 6-10-4	D O'Sullivan	95
8	3-40513	RHYTHM AND BLUES 28 (S) (Mrs P Gregson) R Buckler 7-10-3	S McNeill	98
9	5-4F021	SEABROOK LAD 15 (F) (Seabrook Plc) M Wilkinson 6-10-0	W Marston	91

Long handicap: Seabrook Lad 9-8

BETTING: 3-1 Friendship, 5-1 Silver Thyne, Sir Dante, 11-2 Seabrook Lad, 13-2 Fantasy Line, 7-1 Good Vibes, 9-1 Spring Gale, 11-1 Lance Armstrong, 16-1 Rhythm And Blues.

1996: MISS OPTIMIST 6-9-11 R Johnson (9-1) D Nicholson 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPRING GALE beat Charley Lambert 1¼l in 9-runner novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 4f, good to firm). GOOD VIBES beat Ardarroch Prince 3l in 8-runner novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good). FRIENDSHIP completed double beat Millersford ¾l in 9-runner novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, good). FANTASY LINE head 2nd of 11 to Lucia Forte in novice handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, good) on penultimate start.
LANCE ARMSTRONG completed double beat Mammy's Choice 1¼l in 4-runner handicap chase at Exeter (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft). SILVER THYNE best effort this term beat Cheerful Aspect 18l in 15-runner novice hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good). SIR DANTE, completed double, beat Antiguan Flyer 9l in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Fakenham (2m 4f, good). SEABROOK LAD beat Born Out 7l in 9-runner maiden hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: FRIENDSHIP

4.00 LARKSHILL ENGINEERING GOLDEN MILLER HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,879: 3m 2f 110yd) (11 runners)

1	0125-BP	JAMES PIGG 35 (C,F,G,S) (Blegrove Partnership) P Nicholls 10-11-13	R Dunwoody	84
2	P1414P	MUSTHAVEASWIG 31 (D,F,G) (P D Fasteners Ltd) D Nicholson 11-11-9	R Johnson	89
3	635141	DENVER BAY 21 (F,G,S) (B Naylor) J Gifford 10-11-7	L Aspell (3)	90
4	5/1-2230	COPPER MINE 81 (D,F,G,S) (J Dougall) O Sherwood 11-11-5	J Osborne	88
5	31P123	ROYAL VACATION 15 (D,F,G) (G Edwards) G Moore 8-11-2	J Callaghan	84
6	13141F	FLIMSY TRUTH 12 (C,D,F,G) (M Weston) M Weston 11-11-2	Mr M Harris	[illegible]
7	11261P	GOD SPEED YOU 66 (B,F,G) (Wallop) C Marlock 8-10-10	J R Kavanagh	96
8	12-4435	LE MEILLE 45 (C,D,F,G) (N Mitchell) K Burke 8-10-9	N Williamson	93
9	3UP5U2	BIG BEN DUN 59 (D,F,G,S) (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 11-10-7	G Bradley	84
10	/P/133-2	SUFFOLK ROAD 26 (F,G,S) (L Best) R Rowe 10-10-6	D O'Sullivan	85
11	34PP41	FOXGROVE 27 (F,G) (Mrs C Middleton) R Price 11-10-0	Mr R Thornton (3)	75

Long handicap: Foxgrove 8-8.

BETTING: 3-1 Denver Bay, 9-2 Musthaveaswig, 5-1 Flimsy Truth, 6-1 Le Meille, 7-1 Royal Vacation, 8-1 Copper Mine, 10-1 God Speed You, 12-1 others

1996: PROUD SUN 8-11-2 M A Fitzgerald (7-2) S Pike 7 ran

4.35 CIRENCESTER NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£4,280: 2m 5f) (7 runners)

1	344221	DECYBORG 15 (D,F) (T Neill) M Pipe 6-11-10	R Dunwoody	80
2	C26234	KEY TO MOYADE 52 (Mrs L Harper) M Wilkinson 7-11-3	W Marston	90
3	3-3221	NORMARANGE 15 (F) (D Cotts) D Grissell 7-10-10	J R Kavanagh	[illegible]
4	6/FP-611	REGAL AURA 26 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs V O'Brien) D O'Brien 7-10-4	P Hide	90
5	U433F3	GLAMANGLITZ 14 (Mrs J Martin) P Dalton 7-10-4	Mr R Thornton (3)	87
6	0-60225	BOOTS N ALL 13 (BF) (Mrs T Tipper) G Balding 7-10-0	B Fenton	98
7	253PPP	PLASSY BOY 34 (V) (Sebastian Dangerfield Ptrs) K Burke 8-10-0	N Williamson	70

Long handicap. Plassy Boy 9-10.

BETTING: 7-4 Decyborg, 7-2 Regal Aura, 5-1 Normarange, 6-1 Key To Moyade, 8-1 Boots N All, 10-1 Glamanglitz, 20-1 Plassy Boy

1996: FIVE TO SEVEN 7-11-10 P Carberry (9-2) C Thornton 9 ran

5.10 STOKE ORCHARD JUVENILE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £4,788: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1	3212	GIVE AND TAKE 13 (BF,S) (Nelson, Newman and Moran) M Pipe 11-10	D Walsh	92
2	313450	SQUIRE'S OCCASION 49F (F) (Chelgate Public Relations) R Curtis 11-4	J Parkhouse (7)	95
3	2106P1	CHIEF MOUSE 27 (F,G) (B Sarcar) F Jordan 11-4	P Carberry	91
4	800331	NOBLE COLOURS 15 (G) (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 10-13	Mr A Wintle (7)	92
5	P0U02	ARROGANT HEIR 15 (D Brown) D Brown 10-5	D Byrne	[illegible]
6	203005	STERLING FELLOW 15 (P Moore) D Williams 10-0	Mr S Durack (7)	96

Long handicap: Sterling Fellow 9-10

BETTING: 2-1 Give And Take, 5-2 Squire's Occasion, 4-1 Noble Colours, 6-1 Chief Mouse, 8-1 Arrogant Heir, 12-1 Sterling Fellow

1996: RAMSDENS 4-10-0 C Llewellyn (7-2) N Twiston-Davies 5 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
O Sherwood	15	71	21.1	Mr R Thornton	3	10	30.0
J Gifford	20	121	16.5	T J Murphy	4	18	22.2
Mrs J Pitman	13	82	15.9	N Williamson	25	115	21.7
D Nicholson	31	197	15.7	R Dunwoody	43	231	18.6
D Gandolfo	3	20	15.0	J Osborne	30	186	16.1
C Brooks	7	54	13.0	W Marston	14	95	14.7

☐ Tony Dobbin's Grand National double attempt is in jeopardy after he injured a shoulder in a fall from Allerby in the novices' hurdle at Hexham yesterday. Dobbin, successful at Aintree on Lord Gyllene, has been booked for Major Bell in the Stakis Casinos Scottish Grand National at Ayr on Saturday. He is aiming to become the first jockey to land the two Nationals in the same year since Brian Fletcher on Red Rum in 1974.

EXETER

THUNDERER

2.10 Anna Soleil. 2.45 Trust Deed. 3.20 Born To Please. 3.50 Country Lover. 4.25 Mr Playfull. 5.00 Mrs Em.

GOING: FIRM — SIS

2.10 BUZZARD JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,333: 2m 2f) (4 runners)

1	3U51	ANNA SOLEIL 15 (F) O Sherwood 11-4	D Thomas
2	621	MAJOR DUNDEE 5 (V,D,F) M Pipe 11-4	A P McCoy
3	04	SPENCER STALLONE 15 G Roe 10-12	D Salter (5)
4	0U	ROYAL MEMBER 17 Mrs B Waring 10-7	E Byrne

10-11 Anna Soleil, 5-4 Major Dundee, 8-1 Spencer Stallone, 12-1 Royal Member.

2.45 PAULINE TRUNDLE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,949: 2m 7f 110yd) (4)

1	0313	TRUST DEED 15 (B,CD,F,G) S Knight 9-11-8	G Upton
2	PP43	ELITE GOVERNOR 6 (F,G) N Lampard 8-11-2	Mr L Baker (7)
3	0P53	JONJAS CHUDLEIGH 13 (G) R Frost 10-11-2	J Frost
4	-P33	SPRING TO IT 17 (F,G) M Pipe 11-11-2	A P McCoy

Evens Trust Deed, 7-2 Spring To It, 4-1 Jonjas Chudleigh, 9-2 Elite Governor

3.20 TOTE CREDIT HANDICAP HURDLE
(£4,449: 2m 3f 110yd) (6)

1	1111	NORTHERN STARLIGHT 17 (F,G) M Pipe 6-12-0	A P McCoy
2	1013	OUT RANKING 3 (CD,F,G,S) J Neville 5-11-13	X Aizpuru (7)
3	1611	BORN TO PLEASE 179 (D,F) P Hobbs 5-10-8	G Tormey
4	/P-2	KIWI CRYSTAL 13 (C,F) A Hobbs 8-10-0	R Greene
5	-631	SEVSO 15 (F,S) R Baker 8-10-0	V Slattery
6	U403	CASTLECONNER 13 (B,G) R Frost 6-10-0	Mr A Holdsworth

7-4 Northern Starlight, 7-2 Kiwi Crystal, Born To Please, 5-1 Out Ranking, 8-1 Sevso, 12-1 Castleconner.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Cheltenham: 3.30 Lance Armstrong, Silver Thyne. Exeter: 2.10 Major Dundee. Newmarket: 2.05 Not Forgotten 4.45 Blue Goblin

3.50 PETER OWEN FAREWELL NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,522. 2m 3f 110yd) (5)

1	3441	COUNTRY LOVER 13 (V,CD,F) M Pipe 6-11-6	A P McCoy
2	-560	CARNIVAL CLOWN 266 K Bishop 5-11-0	R Greene
3	PP00	DECEIT THE SECOND 27 P Rodford 5-11-0	S Burrough
4	86P0	MORECEVA 74 P Farrell 7-11-0	T Dascombe
5	5F-	TOMMY COOPER 173F Mrs B Waring 6-11-0	E Byrne

1-5 Country Lover, 9-2 Tommy Cooper, 12-1 Deceit The Second, 16-1 others.

4.25 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,630: 2m 3f 110yd) (9)

1	11PU	POND HOUSE 12 (F) M Pipe 8-11-10	A P McCoy
2	0823	MAMMY'S CHOICE 24 (S) R Alner 7-11-7	J Culloty
3	1-4P	MILLIES OWN 148 (C,F,G) H Howe 10-11-6	G Tormey
4	2143	HENLEY REGATTA 192 (CD,F) P Rodford 9-11-6	S Burrough
5	422U	MR PLAYFULL 39 (C,F,S) R Frost 7-11-4	J Frost
6	U122	COOLTEEN HERO 22 (F,S) R Alner 7-11-2	P Holley
7	6002	TOOMUCH TOOSOON 3 (F,G) P Nicholls 9-11-1	C Maude
8	2541	GOOD FOR A LAUGH 15 (F,G,S) A Hobbs 13-10-9	Mr G Shenkin (7)
9	5FP5	TANGO'S DELIGHT 181 (G) R Baker 9-10-0	V Slattery

3-1 Pond House, 4-1 Mr Playfull, 5-1 Coolteen Hero, 6-1 Millies Own, 7-1 Mammy's Choice, Toomuch Toosoon, 8-1 Henley Regatta, 10-1 others

5.00 KESTREL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,031: 2m 2f) (8)

1	4F41	MRS EM 15 (F,S) P Nicholls 5-11-10	L Cummins (5)
2	0003	DENOMINATION 36 (F) M Pipe 5-10-12	B Moore (5)
3	6P53	COMMANCHE CREEK 27 (F) Miss J du Plessis 7-10-7	Sophie Mitchell
4	50F0	CHILI HEIGHTS 6 (V) K Bishop 7-10-4	M Griffiths (5)
5	2505	TIME LEADER 77 R Dickin 5-10-4	X Aizpuru (3)
6	P3PP	UP THE TEMPO 130 P Farrell 8-10-0	T Dascombe
7	/P	ROGERSON 13 S Knight 9-10-0	D Salter
8	0PFF	STATION EXPRESS 15P (F,G) C Popham 9-10-0	Guy Lewis

5-4 Mrs Em, 7-2 Denomination, 5-1 Commanche Creek, 7-1 Time Leader, 8-1 Chili Heights, 10-1 Up The Tempo, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: O Sherwood, 6 winners from 21 runners, 28.6%. M Pipe, 77 from 297, 25.9%. P Hobbs, 24 from 129, 18.6%. Only qualifiers

JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 19 winners from 99 rides, 19.2%. P Holley, 11 from 64, 17.2%. J Culloty, 8 from 64, 12.5%. Only qualifiers

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Musselburgh

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.20 (5f) 1, Heavenly Abstone (J F Egan, 4-9 fav); 2, Moss Side Monkey (16-1); 3, Rock From The Sun (9-2). 5 ran. 6l, sh hd. P Evans. Tote £1.30; £1.10, £2.40. DF: £3.30. CSF: £7.98. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood

2.50 (1m 4f) 1, As-Is (J Weaver, 11-10 fav); 2, Hello Dolly (10-1); 3, Sam Peeb (16-1). 6 ran. 2½l, 6l. M Johnston. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.80. DF: £4.30. CSF: £12.79

3.20 (5f) 1, Johayro (A Culhane, 5-1); 2, Able Sheriff (11-10 fav); 3, Shadow Jury (5-1). 6 ran. Nk, 1¼l. J Goldie. Tote: £9.50; £2.60, £1.70. DF: £5.00. CSF: £10.12. After a stewards' inquiry, Manolo, who finished second, was disqualified and placed fourth

3.50 (1m) 1, Krosno (K Darley, 11-8 fav, Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Murray Grey (6-1); 3, Music Express (5-1). 6 ran. 3½l, 1½l. S Williams. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £1.30. DF: £4.90. CSF: £8.50

4.20 (1m) 1, Scathebury (K Fallon, 5-1); 2, Bedazzle (4-1 fav); 3, Kass Alhawa (6-1). 14 ran. ½l, nk. K Burke. Tote: £5.80; £2.00, £2.30, £1.90. DF: £6.90. Trio: £84.60. CSF: £27.66. Tricast: £127.74. Bought in 5,100gns

4.50 (2m) 1, Tancred Mischief (Darren Moffatt, 8-1); 2, Anchorena (4-1); 3, Breydon (14-1). Here Comes Herbie 10-11 fav. 9 ran. ½l, 6l. D Barker. Tote: £8.70; £2.40, £1.60, £5.60. DF: £13.90. Trio: £35.80. CSF: £36.04. Tricast: £404.65

Placepot: £65.20. Quadpot: £37.40.

Hexham

Going: firm

2.10 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Gone Ashore (A Dobbin, 13-2); 2, All Clear (7-1); 3, Jonaem (9-4 fav). 8 ran. 6l, 5l. M Barnes. Tote: £6.70; £2.20, £3.00, £1.40. DF: £15.20. CSF: £42.39

2.40 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Eastcliffe (G Cahill, 7-4 fav); 2, Pappa Charlie (3-1); 3, Raise A Dollar (4-1). 12 ran. 5l, 11l. W McKeown. Tote: £4.30; £1.10, £1.70, £2.10. DF: £6.30. Trio: £4.00. CSF: £6.49

3.10 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Bishopdale (F Perratt, 6-1); 2, Shawwell (Evens fav); 3, Aristodemus (12-1). 4 ran. 18l, 2l. S Chadwick. Tote: £5.80. DF: £2.70. CSF: £11.80.

3.40 (2m hdle) 1, Glenugie (N Bentley, Evens fav); 2, Enny (15-8); 3, Highland Way (7-2). 4 ran. NR: Apollo's Daughter. 1¼l, sh hd. G Moore. Tote: £2.10. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.09.

4.10 (3m 1f ch) 1, Secret Bay (Mr S Swiers, 4-5 fav); 2, Up For Ransome (9-4); 3, Cool Yule (9-1). 5 ran. 14l, 19l. C Dennis. Tote: £1.90; £2.20, £1.00. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.08.

4.40 (2m flat race) 1, Lunar Dancer (K Johnson, 11-1); 2, Connel's Croft (6-1); 3, Master Braden (14-1). Satpura 7-4 fav. 9 ran. 20l, 1½l. J Charlton. Tote: £12.40; £2.70, £1.40, £3.30. DF: £41.60. Trio: not won (pool of £114.40 carried forward to 4.45 at Newmarket today). CSF: £73.78.

Placepot: £276.80.

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Southwell

Going: good

2.00 (2m ch) 1, Dr Rocket (X Aizpuru, 11-2); 2, Sleazey (3-1 fav); 3, No Fiddling (7-2). 11 ran. 1½l, 9l. R Dickin. Tote: £5.20; £1.40, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £10.40. Trio: £12.60. CSF: £19.67. Tricast: £58.72.

2.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Dream Ride (R Johnson, 13-8 fav); 2, Slemmhill Pilgrim (3-1); 3, Forma Rose Dawn (16-1). 10 ran. 8l, 2½l. D Nicholson. Tote: £2.20; £1.50, £1.40, £2.20. DF: £5.10. Trio: £43.50. CSF: £6.23.

3.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Chadwick's Ginger (Derek Byrne, 5-1); 2, Cheeka (33-1); 3, Peruvian Gale (8-1). Pearl Epee 13-8 fav. 11 ran. 3½l, nk. W Tinning. Tote: £5.90; £2.20, £11.70, £2.50. DF: £144.30. Trio: £227.40 (part won, pool of £99.32 carried forward to 4.45 at Newmarket today). CSF: £139.80. Tricast: £1,193.78

3.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Mister Horatio (Mr M Lewis, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Greenmount Lad (9-2); 3, Wolver's Pet (6-1). The Point Is 7-2 jt-fav (pu). 11 ran. NR: Rising Sap. 10l, 1¼l. W Lewis. Tote: £6.70; £2.10, £1.40, £2.30. DF: £12.10. Trio: £29.60. CSF: £19.60

4.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Forbidden Waters (N Williamson, 7-2); 2, If Only (3-1 fav); 3, General Parker (16-1). 13 ran. NR: Welsh Asset. 2l, sh hd. Miss V Williams. Tote: £4.20; £2.00, £1.40, £4.20. DF: £4.40. Trio: £83.20. CSF: £12.88.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, Kilnamartyra Girl (A Thornton, 15-2); 2, Fontanays (100-30 fav); 3, Follow de Call (33-1). 14 ran. 9l, 3l. J Parkes. Tote: £7.30; £3.30, £1.60, £12.50. DF: £8.30. Trio: £444.70 (part won, pool of £501.08 carried forward to 4.45 at Newmarket today). CSF: £31.82. Bought in 3,400gns.

5.00 (2m hdle) 1, Daily Sport Girl (Mr J L Llewellyn, 8-1); 2, Cromaboo Crown (9-1); 3, Stylish Rose (10-1). Jendorcet 4-1 fav. 11 ran. 2l, 3l. B Llewellyn. Tote: £10.00; £3.80, £4.10, £3.10. DF: £32.30. Trio: £252.40 (part won; pool of £188.44 carried forward to 4.45 at Newmarket today). CSF: £72.68. Tricast: £672.62

Jackpot: not won (pool of £2,985.11 carried forward to Newmarket today).

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FOOTBALL

Villa fine Bosnich for taking his leave

By Richard Hobson and Russell Kempson

MARK BOSNICH, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, has been fined the maximum two weeks' wages — around £15,000 — after leaving the Baseball Ground before the FA Carling Premiership game against Derby County on Saturday in protest at being *named as a substitute.*

Brian Little, the Villa manager, met the player after training yesterday and said that Bosnich had been quick to apologise. However, while Little decided not to place him on *the transfer-list, he is likely to* give another first-team appearance to Michael Oakes, the former England Under-21 goalkeeper, against Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday.

"I have put my point of view across about what sort of reaction I expect when a *player is left out of the side and* Mark transgressed that," Little said. "I have not put him on the transfer-list because I am not in the habit of selling my best players. He remains one of the best goalkeepers in the country, but Oakes is catching up quickly."

The *Premier League is likely* to put back Middlesbrough's game against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane by 24 hours, to April 24, just two days after the FA Cup semi-final replay against Chesterfield, *rather than* extend the season beyond May 11. Middlesbrough, who are struggling to avoid relegation, already have four fixtures in the final nine days of the campaign.

If Chesterfield were delighted to equalise in the final minute of extra time in the Cup tie on Sunday, then their pleasure was shared by Leicester City, who face Middlesbrough *in the* Coca-Cola Cup final replay at Hillsborough tomorrow.

Simon Grayson, the Leicester defender, said: "It was the best result we could have had. For Middlesbrough to have to play an extra half-hour of extra time and then suffer the deflation of conceding the goal in the last minute must have been devastating."

Four of the Leicester squad — *Garry Parker, Neil Lennon,* Kasey Keller and Grayson — missed training yesterday but are expected to be fit, while Steve Walsh, the captain, has recovered from a toe injury.

Bolton Wanderers and Wolverhampton Wanderers have been fined by the Football Association *for their parts* in a brawl, in which most of the 22 players became involved, during the Nationwide League first division match at Burnden Park in January. At an FA disciplinary hearing, the clubs admitted misconduct and failing to control their players.

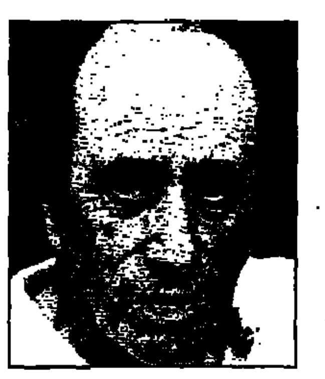
Bolton were fined £40,000, £30,000 of it suspended until the end of next season, and Wolves were fined £30,000, with £22,500 suspended. It will not have lightened the mood of Mark McGhee, the Wolves manager, who yesterday *continued to criticise* Reading, his former club, for the treatment he received during and after the 2-1 defeat at Elm Park on Saturday.

McGhee, who made an acrimonious departure from Reading in December 1994, was jeered throughout the game and also heckled as he boarded the team coach on leaving the ground. "It was disgusting," he said. "I got no help from anyone at Reading, particularly those who could have nipped it all in the bud."

John Madejski, the Reading chairman, dismissed McGhee's claims. "Unfortunately, I didn't see Mark *during the afternoon,*" he said. "This was not by intent but because I had too many things to do. I don't really want to get dragged into all this, it's absolutely, totally pathetic."

Continental leaders afflicted by serious weekend hangovers

BRIAN GLANVILLE



Overseas View

Highflying Ronaldo scored another hat-trick for Barcelona

Che strano questo calcio. Or, if you prefer, funny game, football. Make sense of these weekend results if you can:

Juventus, having outplayed Ajax in Amsterdam in the first leg of their European Cup *semi-final* last Wednesday, crashed 3-0 at home, in their detested Stadio Delle Alpi, to modest Udinese, missing two penalties in the process. Borussia Dortmund, having beaten Manchester United at *home in the other semi-final,* lost 3-2 at Duisburg, their third Bundesliga defeat in the past five games.

Internazionale, managed by Roy Hodgson, soon off to Blackburn Rovers and under constant criticism in Italy, won the Milan derby 3-1, five days after a notable victory by the same score against AS *Monaco in the Uefa Cup.*

Barcelona's 5-2 victory at Atlético Madrid seemed almost commonplace by comparison, although you wonder how long Radi Antic, once a Luton Town player, will stay as Atlético manager before Jésus Gil y Gil, the president *who eats managers for breakfast,* sends him on his way.

Speaking of managers, Nils Liedholm, of Sweden, returned on Sunday as manager of AS Roma at the age of 74, though he sat in the stand and had Sella, until now the youth coach, on the bench.

Liedholm, or "*The Baron*", as he was nicknamed during *his fine* career in Italy as player, with AC Milan, and manager of Milan and AS Roma among others, replaced the Argentinian, Carlos Bianchi, last Tuesday. Bianchi, having won the Argentine title and the world club championship with Velez Sarsfield, had consoled himself, when things went wrong earlier this season, that he could walk around Rome *without being insulted.*

No one will insult "The Baron", who won a championship with Roma but who was beaten, ironically, on Sunday, by a Parma team managed by the captain of that Roma side, Carlo Ancelotti. Yet another Argentinian, Hernan Crespo, scored the only goal.

But how did Juvé lose? Both they and Udinese had a player sent off in the first half. Amoroso, 22, the Brazilian, put Udinese ahead from a penalty. Of Juvé's penalties, Vieri hit the underside of the bar while Zidane, had his saved by Turci.

Oliver Bierhoff, the Germany centre forward who scored *the winner in the final* of Euro 96 and almost joined *Juvé in the summer,* headed his team's second goal. Amoroso slalomed through for the third.

So Ajax, like Manchester United, have been given new hope for the second leg of their European Cup semi-final next week, even though Ajax went down 2-0 away to PSV Eindhoven.

Hodgson's detractors say that he has lost the confidence of his players, who do not understand his tactics. It is true that Inter have shipped much water *this season, the* central pairing of a four-in-line *defence being especially* fallible. In the previous Milan derby, *Inter had been* fortunate to get a point.

Maurizio Ganz, with a second-half header, scored yet again on Sunday. How glad Inter must be that he refused to let them sell him to Spain earlier this season. Ganz scored twice and made the other against AS Monaco, having scored all of Inter's three in the previous round against Anderlecht.

"Hodgson's in a better state of mind now — he knows he's going, so whether he wins or loses doesn't matter much," one Italian sports writer said after the derby, the start of which *was delayed by a hail of* missiles from the crowd. When the action did get under way, Paul Ince was in particularly fine form.

Otto Hitzfeld, the Dortmund manager, admitted that defeat at *Duisburg was a* blow and that Dortmund must now beat Bayern Munich, the Bundesliga leaders, this weekend to keep alive hopes of retaining the title. Eight players were missing *against Duisburg, including* the key midfield man, Andreas Möller, who had flu.

'Like Ajax, United have been given new hope for the second leg'

Ronaldo, Barcelona's extremely expensive Brazilian purchase, scored another three goals in Madrid, one a penalty, and said: "We're getting better every game." *Will Barca really let him go to* Lazio? And is there any truth in the tale that they would replace him with a far-less-versatile Alan Shearer?

At the Azteca Stadium in Mexico City, in front of a crowd of 100,000, Bora Milutinovic's Mexico tuned up for their World Cup eliminator against the United *States in Boston on Sunday* by beating Jamaica 6-0, with three goals from Carlos Hermosillo. Milutinovic, who managed the United States team in the 1994 World Cup, should have the best of it.

RUGBY UNION

Sale seek to enhance European prospects

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

SALE can confirm their grip on a place in the Heineken Cup next season if they sustain an unbeaten home record stretching back to September against Saracens tonight.

Clearly, they see it as an opportunity, since few concessions have been made to their hectic schedule: the only changes to the team that scored 52 points *against* Gloucester at the weekend see *the restoration of John* Mitchell and Murray Driver to the *pack. Saracens may* think the inclusion of two more New Zealanders does nothing to weaken their opponents.

Were Harlequins to lose their Courage Clubs Championship match to Bristol at the *same time. Sale would be* delighted, but that is less likely.

Sale, fourth in the first division, are one point ahead of Harlequins, who know only too well that Bristol are trying desperately to claw away from the play-off positions at the *bottom of the table and hope* that Simon Shaw, the England lock, will return from injury to help them.

Saracens had hoped that Michael Lynagh would have recovered from a hip injury but the Australian stand-off half needs more time: he is *likely to play against Leicester* on Saturday, leaving his club depending tonight on Andy Lee's ability to recover his goalkicking form — only three of 19 attempts have found the target in the past two disappointing matches (against Harlequins and Wasps).

Charles Olney and Craig Yandell come into the pack for *what will be Saracens' fourth* game in 11 days; so far, all have been lost, a sequence that has scuppered their own European hopes.

Bristol's ambitions are more modest against a Harlequins team in which Jason Leonard and Laurent Bénézech, the *international* props, are rested; instead, Andy Mullins and Altan Ozdemir join Keith Wood, who faces another Irishman, Barry McConnell, in the Bristol front row.

Leicester, who play London Irish tomorrow, will be without Joel Stransky. The South African stand-off damaged the bridge of his nose late in the defeat *by Bath on Saturday* and may well feel that the *announcement by Bath of* their new fitness coach is rubbing salt into the wound.

Bath have appointed Jim Blair, the Scot who contributed so much to New Zealand rugby between 1986 and 1991 and has continued his association with Auckland, the *Super 12 champions.*

RUGBY LEAGUE

Paul call-up has Bulls on horns of dilemma

By Christopher Irvine

WITH *three key forwards* injured and another suspended, *Bradford Bulls* will have viewed Robbie Paul's call-up by New Zealand *yesterday* for his first international with *mixed emotions.* The Bradford captain will miss the Stones *Super League* games against Halifax Blue Sox and Sheffield Eagles before the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final against *St Helens* on May 3.

Paul is among the New Zealand substitutes for the match with Australia, in Sydney, on Friday week. His brother, Henry, of Wigan Warriors, will be at full back, provided that he recovers from injury. "It's a great honour for Robbie *and ourselves,* but so close to Wembley, the timing could have been better," a Bradford spokesman said.

Bradford, already without Jeremy Donougher and Warren Jowitt, with broken ankles, are waiting *to learn if* a fractured bone in his arm might *also prevent Sonny* Nickle being fit for the final. Brian McDermott is unavailable for another fortnight after his four-match ban for punching during the semi-final defeat of Leeds Rhinos.

St Helens lost their unbeaten league record in the match against *Leeds last Friday,* but they can move ahead of *Bradford at the top* for the first time tonight by inflicting a first loss on Salford by a margin of 13 or more points at Knowsley Road. Salford, themselves, will take over at the top if they achieve their sixth successive victory. Castleford Tigers, still without a *win,* are *unlikely to move off* the bottom tonight away to a *resurgent Leeds side.*

John Schuster, the Western Samoa goal-kicking centre, will be in plaster for up to six weeks after breaking a bone in his leg during Halifax's draw against with London Broncos on Sunday. The best hope is that he will be available for the club's *opening three world* club championship matches in Australia *in June.*

David Ward joined the list of early-season coaching casualties when he resigned yesterday after 2½ years at Featherstone Rovers, who are one place off the bottom of the first division with one win.

The Rugby Football League *(RFL) announced yesterday* that the Challenge Cup final is *already sold out,* with guaranteed record receipts of more than £2 million. "The response to this year's competition has been overwhelming," Maurice Lindsay, the RFL chief executive, said. "This is wonderful news and confirms that the nation's interest in *rugby league is growing.*"

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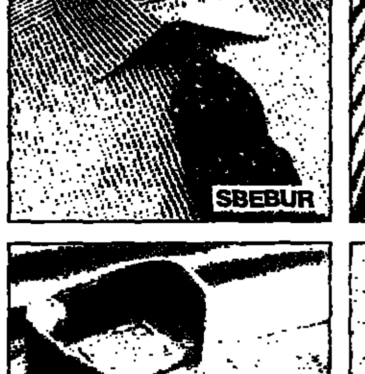

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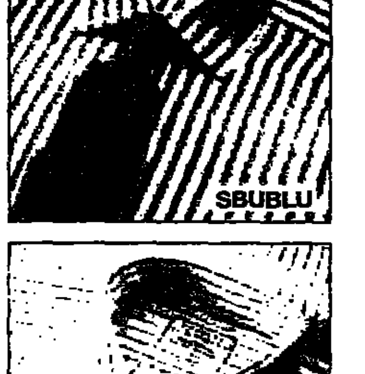

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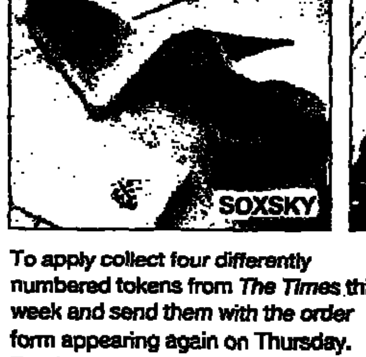

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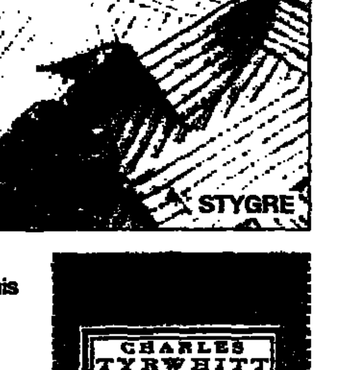

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CHANGING TIMES

FAW meets to talk over Gould's future

By Our Sports Staff

BOBBY GOULD'S future as manager of Wales will be discussed at an emergency meeting of the management committee of the Football Association of Wales (FAW) this evening. Gould has been accused by Nathan Blake, the Wales and Bolton Wanderers striker, of making racist remarks to him — claims which Gould has vigorously denied.

The seven-strong management committee will report its *findings to the full* FAW council tomorrow, although it is unlikely that Gould will lose his job yet. His contract expires in December, shortly after the conclusion of Wales's World Cup qualifying campaign.

Hull City, of the Nationwide *League third division,* have solved their financial crisis by selling Roy Carroll, the Northern Ireland goalkeeper, to Wigan Athletic for £350,000.

The third division leaders have snapped up the highly-rated 19-year-old from under the noses of a host of FA Carling *Premiership* clubs, including Sunderland and Newcastle United.

Hull were desperate to pay their £250,000 tax bill after appearing in the High Court last Wednesday, when they were given 28 days to find the money in order to avoid being wound up.

Terry Dolan, the Hull manager, who was forced to sell Dean Windass, *the striker,* to Aberdeen last season to escape the club's last winding-up petition, said: "By selling a player, we have again saved the club. I am staggered that we have had to sell Roy for just £350,000 when, in my opinion, he is worth at least £1 million."

Iain Munro was yesterday dismissed as manager of Raith Rovers, the struggling Bell's Scottish League premier division club. Munro took over in the autumn from Tommy McLean, who had held the post for just one week.

A 5-0 defeat at Motherwell on Saturday left Raith nine points adrift at the bottom and virtual certainties for relegation. The club's directors asked Munro to resign, but when he refused, he was *dismissed.*

Steve Kirk and David Kirkwood, the club's *player-coaches,* will be in charge for the rest of the season.

EQUESTRIANISM

Badminton winner forced out by injury

By Jenny MacArthur

MARK TODD, the dual Olympic three-day event champion from New Zealand, has withdrawn his 1996 Badminton *winner, Bertie Blunt,* from this year's event. The *gelding has a leg injury.*

Todd, who considers Bertie Blunt, 13, one of the best horses he has ridden, said yesterday: "He wasn't right at Brigstock last week so we had him checked by the vet. He's now gone back to his owners and will be off for a year."

Todd, 40, who will now ride either Broadcast News or Kayem next month, has suffered a series of setbacks with *Bertie Blunt since taking* over the ride three years ago. At *Burghley, in 1994, they* were faultless across country but were eliminated when Todd missed out a flag in the speed and endurance phase.

At Badminton, in 1995, where they were again clear *across country, the horse* failed the final inspection and was then *removed from* Todd's yard when he fell out with his former sponsors, Bond International, and spent much of 1995 in a field.

Last March, the horse's owners, Robert and Melita Howell, gave him back to Todd, who promptly won £24,000 at Badminton. But bad luck struck again when he went *lame at Burghley* in September after another *copybook cross-country round.*

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Defiant McColgan to bypass Athens

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

LIZ McCOLGAN will forfeit the chance to win her first marathon world title this summer, preferring to seek a fast time in a commercial race in the autumn. McColgan, who was beaten in the Flora London Marathon by one second on Sunday, said yesterday that she would probably opt for the 10,000 metres at the world championships in Athens. Either that or she will not be going at all.

As McColgan smiled through her disappointment at being pipped close to the finish line, she underlined the annoyance that she felt at allowing Joyce Chepchumba, from Kenya, to pass her, saying that she had not seen a video replay but, when she did, it would be "one of those things where I go into a room on my own and watch".

McColgan was still regretting not checking over her shoulder to see where Chepchumba was, but soon it will be time to look forward. Though her time of 2hr 26min 52sec was the fastest of her eight marathons, she is still not the British record-holder. Perhaps next time.

"Because of the way the race went, I am convinced I am ready for a fast marathon," McColgan said. "So, in my next marathon, I would like the opportunity to run fast." That rules out Athens. "Because of the pollution and the course, I do not think I would run a fast time," she said.

Veronique Marot's British record was set in winning London in 1989. "It is not so much the British record that matters as running the time I feel I am capable of," McColgan said.

Chepchumba indicated that she would run the marathon in Athens and Antonio Pinto, the men's London champion in a course record 2hr 07min 55sec, certainly will. It is part of his contract with the Portuguese federation that he participates in world championships. Under the agreement, he required federation permission to miss the world cross country championships last month so that he could concentrate on his preparation for London.

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Given that Sunday provided ideal weather and that the men's field was exceptionally strong, the question arises that if there was no world record this time, will there ever be on this course? Pinto was 65 seconds outside the record held by Belayneh Dinsamo, from Ethiopia, in Rotterdam in 1988.

Senior officials of the London Marathon doubt the validity of the Rotterdam course that year. Take the response of David Bedford, the elite field director, to Pinto's statement that London may need small changes to the course. "Or we can have it measured by the Rotterdam people," Bedford said.

Pinto said that there were too many turns during the second half. Though there is little that can be done to reduce the effect of the turns, one improvement that London could make would be to provide a pacemaker to run well beyond halfway, delaying the moment when the race becomes tactical.

Pinto had prepared on a handful of races, abandoning the normal Portuguese man-for-all-surfaces approach. "Portuguese runners are everything runners," he said. "They do the track, cross country and road. I want to be known as a marathon runner, not an all-round runner."

Born and raised in Gatao, a village near Porto, Pinto used to tread grapes at his parents' vineyard. "It was hard work," Pinto said. As hard as running a marathon? "Most people think a marathon is difficult, but I do not think so," he said. "What is difficult is training for a marathon."

Pinto owns a vineyard now and his wealth is growing, with more than $250,000 (about £150,000) taken from his weekend's work. While some British athletes ponder the world championships and the financial alternatives of commercial marathons, it is worth listening to Steve Moneghetti, the Australian who was sixth.

Moneghetti will run the marathon in Athens. "We might get a team medal," he said. "It would be great for athletics in Australia. I am not interested in the money."

Chepchumba reflects on her victory in the London Marathon yesterday. Photograph: Alan Weller

IN BRIEF

Fina thinks world of title races

SWIMMERS will have a busier competitive programme from next year with a world championship held every 12 months, Fina, the sport's international governing body, announced in Gothenburg yesterday (Craig Lord writes). In a week in which Gothenburg stages the third world short-course championships, Fina voted to hold long-course championships every two years instead of four, while the short-course event will be held on alternate years to its long-course equivalent.

The switch requires an adjustment to the race calendar that will mean world short-course championships being held in consecutive years in 1999 and 2000, Olympic year. Fina also revealed that it had spent $420,000 (about £260,000) taking 764 out-of-competition drug tests last year. Meanwhile, Palestine has been recognised by Fina, while St Vincent and Grenadines take the number of Fina-affiliated nations to 168.

Motor rallying: Colin McRae finished one second ahead of his Subaru team-mate, Piero Liatti, to take the lead in the Catalonia Rally after the first day ended in Lloret de Mar yesterday. The private duel took the Scot and the Italian 11 seconds clear of the world champion, Tommi Makinen, while the local favourite, Carlos Sainz, finished fifth after suffering brake problems with his Ford Escort.

Hockey: The Hockey Association Cup semi-finals on April 27 will be contested between Reading and St Albans, and Surbiton and Teddington. The draw went ahead yesterday despite a protest by Cannock, who lost their quarter-final against Teddington after being ordered to play 30 minutes of extra time instead of 15.

Curling: Hammy McMillan's Scotland quartet put their early defeats behind them at the world championships in Berne, winning their third and fourth matches of the round-robin series yesterday by 8-3 against Sweden and 9-5 against Australia.

Bowls: Robin Hoods, the Nottinghamshire team, dashed the hopes of Cumbria, the 1995 champions, when they won the Liberty Trophy, the national inter-county final, for the first time yesterday. Nottinghamshire finally took control to win 123-111.

Irvine treats Ferrari's party politics with indifference

Irvine: nonchalant

Michael Calvin reports on the uncertain future of the Ulsterman despite his second place in the Argentine Grand Prix

The Ferrari pit was *en fête*. A crate of champagne was quickly emptied and consigned to the dustbin by mechanics who felt compelled to swamp Eddie Irvine in sweaty bear hugs. As they celebrated, Italians were being encouraged to anoint the man they tried to hang.

Irvine understood the rules of an occasionally bewildering game. He would be the subject of fawning headlines, after finishing second to Jacques Villeneuve in the Argentine Grand Prix, and would treat them with the contempt he reserves for ill-considered criticism.

Such studied nonchalance is his defence mechanism against the emotional extremes of Formula One's most overtly political team. Ferrari institutionalises insecurity and even the best result of Irvine's career offers little respite.

"It has never been the intention of Ferrari to destabilise Eddie," Jean Todt, the team manager, insisted. But the Frenchman, well versed in the intrigues and intricacies of the organisation, is, above all, a realist. The *tifosi* will imbue the next grand prix at Imola with hope which, in such charged circumstances, is a dangerous commodity.

"We must be pragmatic," Todt stressed, on learning that Irvine considers himself a potential world champion in a 1998 Ferrari. "I like Eddie. He is a clever guy with a strong personality who is good for the team. But you must not kid him that he did anything other than his job.

"I was criticised for keeping him this year, but last season we did not give him enough support. He deserves to be judged in the normal way, but the season has just started. He has seven or eight races to prove himself before we can talk about the future."

Change, often for change's sake, is a Ferrari characteristic. Irvine is resented for denying an Italian a place in Italy's team and will undoubtedly need the patronage of men such as Todt and Ross Brawn, the technical director who was recruited from Benetton, to survive.

"Until Argentina we had not had an opportunity to see Eddie's full capabilities," Brawn, whose arrival signals the influence wielded by Michael Schumacher, said. "We think he is a great No 2 driver who could become a great No 1."

Irvine, who clearly cherishes his reputation for individuality, treats the debate about his prospects with well-rehearsed indifference. "I never read what's written about me and I don't listen to what's said," he explained. "I just get on with doing my job. I have never seen myself as a write-off and maybe this is the start of a new era for me. I never seemed to be able to hit the spot in last year's car, but this year I've been as quick, and sometimes quicker, than Michael in testing.

"If I'd already had a couple of good results I would have wrung the car's neck, because it's not often you get a chance to go for a win. If I had attacked for the whole race, I would have beaten Villeneuve, but I had to concentrate on getting a good result."

Irvine is, like Formula One itself, a blend of the practical and the emotional. He is dismissive of Villenueve's criticism of his perceived rashness — "I was saying silly things when I was his age" — and appears to regard respect as a weakness. Yet, in private, he can be warm and witty.

Todt recognises the contradictions. "It's just a front," he observed. "Eddie likes to look relaxed, but he is not. He knows at Ferrari there is more pressure, greater demands."

Irvine's mentor, Eddie Jordan, who plans to broker an agreement today between Ralf Schumacher and Giancarlo Fisichella, acrimonious partners in his eponymous team, concurred. "Someone came up to me before the race and said 'Is he dead?'. I told him to write the Irv off at his peril. When his back is against the wall, he's at his most dangerous."

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 7 Seattle 1; Anaheim 8 Cleveland 3, Chicago White Sox 11 Detroit 8 (in 12inns, first game); Detroit 4 Chicago White Sox 2 (second game); Baltimore 9 Texas 0; New York Yankees 3 Oakland 2 (first game), Oakland 7 New York Yankees 4 (second game); Kansas City 6 Minnesota 1; Milwaukee 3 Toronto 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 5 New York Mets 1 (first game), San Francisco 7 New York Mets 6 (second game); San Diego 3 Philadelphia 1; Los Angeles 14 Pittsburgh 5; Cincinnati 6 Florida 4; Atlanta 6 Chicago Cubs 4, Montreal 8 Colorado 3; St Louis 6 Houston 2

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Detroit 108 Chicago 91; Milwaukee 132 New Jersey 123, Houston 113 Seattle 73, Los Angeles Lakers 100 Utah 98, Phoenix 105 Golden State 97

BUDWEISER CHAMPIONSHIP: Play-offs: First leg: Chester 86 (Singleton 21, Leonard 21, Palmer 18) Birmingham 78 (Dorsey 23, Lloyd 16, Wilke 12); Manchester 72 (Craven 19, Irish 16, Perry 14, Robinson 14) Sheffield Sharks 77 (Huggins 22, Winters 16, Hames 14) Second leg: Leopards 114 (Burks 34, White 18, Baker 17) Leicester Riders 105 (McGee 39, Reinking 22, Phoenix 18) (Leopards win series 2-0)

BOWLS

PRESTATYN: CIS Welsh indoor championships: Pairs: Semi-finals: D Harding and J Greenslade (Cardiff) bt J Webley and N Leigh (Cardiff) 19-18, S Rees and J Price (Swansea) bt B Davies and P Carpenter (Merthyr Tydfil) 22-20 Final: Harding and Greenslade bt Rees and Price 18-14 Triples: Semi-finals: Cardiff (J Greenslade) bt Port Talbot (D Wilkins) 21-18, Swansea (J Price) bt Merthyr Tydfil (M Ansley) 21-11 Final: Cardiff bt Swansea 18-13 Fours: Semi-finals: Rhondda (J Jones) bt Llanelli (M Roberts) 17-16, Swansea (J Price) bt Port Talbot (B Powell) 25-10 Final: Swansea bt Rhondda 18-15

AMMANFORD: Welsh women's champion of champions tournament: Semi-finals: M Tanner (Rhondda) bt M Gamlin (Merthyr) 7-5, 7-1; L Evans (Swansea) bt B Thomas (Torfaen) 4-7, 7-6, 7-6 Final: Tanner bt Evans 7-4, 7-3

BOXING

OSAKA, Japan: World Boxing Council light-featherweight championship (12rnds) Daniel Zaragoza (Mex, holder) bt Joichiro Tatsuyoshi (Japan) pts

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH: Georgetown, Guyana (third day of four): Indians 341 (A D Jadeja 108, S C Ganguly 90, M Azharuddin 57, R Singh 53, R D King 7-82) and 223-3 (N S Sidhu 103 not out, S C Ganguly 65 not out) Guyana 300 (S Chanderpaul 176 not out).

CURLING

BERNE: World championships: Men: First round: Canada 8 Sweden 6, Germany 7 Finland 6; United States 9 Australia 5, Scotland 3 Switzerland 6, Norway 5 Denmark 7 Second round: Norway 7 Finland 5; Denmark 4 Australia 3, Canada 7 Scotland 6, United States 7 Sweden 8, Germany 5 Switzerland 4 Women: First round: Scotland 5 Finland 6 (extra end), Denmark 8 Switzerland 5, Sweden 7 United States 5, Germany 6 Japan 7, Norway 3 Canada 5

CYCLING

PARIS-ROUBAIX RACE (266km) 1, F Guesdon (Fr) 6hr 38min 10sec; 2, J Planckaert (Bel); 3, J Museeuw (Bel), 4, A Tchmil (Ukr) all same time Overall World Cup positions (three events) 1, R Sorensen (Den) 156pts, 2, E Zabel (Ger) 100; 3, Guesdon 100

ROAD RACES: Silver spoon two-day (Newark, Nottinghamshire): First stage (1.5mile TT). 1, J Clay (Manchester Phoenix) 2min 50.9sec; 2, J Ramsbottom (North Wirral Velo) 2 52.9; 3, M Illingworth (Harlow CC) 2.54.3. Second stage (60.5 miles) 1, K Dawson (Castelli Sport) 2.25.00, 2, S Gamble (Controlware RT), 3, R Eden (Planet X) all same time Third stage (69 miles) 1, R Hayles (Team Ambrosia) 3:20.15, 2, A Tinsley (New Brighton CC) at 1sec; 3, W Randle (Castelli) same time Leading final overall positions: 1, R Hayles 5.22 56, 2, K Dawson at 1sec 3, J Clay at 3sec Scottish grand prix series (Trossachs 85 miles) Second round: 1, B Smith (unatt) 3 26 04; 2, D Wilson (Planet X) at 6sec; 3, N Cameron (Edinburgh BC) same time Hounslow and district Wheelers (Chobham, 80 miles) 1, A Lyons (Cannons Sports Clubs) 3:12:00; 2, B Fleming (Cannons) at 25sec, 3, S Pearse (Team Bristol) same time Birkenhead North End CC (Chester, 70 miles) 1, Mark Bell (Planet X) 2:41:00; 2, W Wright (Atom Elite RT) at 34sec, 3, Mike Bell (unatt) at 37sec. Wallace Caldwell memorial (Ballymena, Co Antrim, 69 miles) 1, G McKee (Phoenix CC) 3 13:24; 2, R Crandles (Clarke Contracts), 3, D Easton (Maryland Wheelers) all same time Tour of the Reservoir (Edmundbyers, Co Durham, 65 miles) 1, M Pluckrose (Border City Wheelers) 2:48.30; 2, J Lister (VC Voodoo) same time; 3, R Thompson (GS Metro) at 1:40

FOOTBALL

Sunday's late results

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Internazionale 3 AC Milan 1.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Atletico Madrid 2 Barcelona 5, Sporting Gijón 1 Valladolid 2; Logroñes 0 Real Madrid 2, Compostela 2 Celta Vigo 1; Zaragoza 2 Hercules 0; Real Sociedad 0 Real Betis 1, Racing Santander 1 Rayo Vallecano 2

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Chaves 2 Uniao de Leiria 0, Salgueiros 3 Setubal 2, Estrela da Amadora 2 Gil Vicente 0, Espinho 1 Guimaraes 4, Rio Ave 2 Leca 0

WORLD CUP: Concacaf zone: Final stage: Mexico 6 Jamaica 0 (in Mexico City)

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLERS ASSOCIATION DIVISIONAL AWARDS: Premiership: D Seaman (Arsenal), G Neville (Manchester United), S I Bjornebye (Liverpool), D Beckham (Manchester United), A Adams (Arsenal), M Wright (Liverpool), R Keane (Manchester United), D Batty (Newcastle United), A Shearer (Newcastle United), I Wright (Arsenal), S McManaman (Liverpool) Nationwide League: First division: A Kelly (Sheffield United), N Eaden (Barnsley), S Froggatt (Wolverhampton Wanderers), G Kinkladze (Manchester City), G Taggart (Bolton Wanderers), D Richards (Wolverhampton Wanderers), A Thompson (Bolton Wanderers), T Sinclair (Queens Park Rangers), M Sheron (Stoke City), J McGinlay (Bolton Wanderers), D Eadie (Norwich City) Second division: K Miller (Watford), G Parkinson (Burnley), D Eyres (Burnley), D Murphy (Crewe Alexandra), M Flynn (Stockport County), S Davis (Luton Town), G Whalley (Crewe Alexandra) C Marsden (Stockport County), T Thorpe (Luton Town), C Asaba (Brentford), B Hughes (Wrexham) Third division: T Caig (Carlisle United), I Hendon (Leyton Orient), O Archdeacon (Carlisle United), R Martinez (Wigan Athletic), D Walling (Carlisle United), J Craddock (Cambridge United), W Aspinall (Carlisle United), G Ainsworth (Lincoln City), G Jones (Wigan Athletic) M Conroy (Fulham), J Molby (Swansea City)

GOLF

AUGUSTA NATIONAL: Masters: Final scores (United States unless stated) 270: T Woods 70, 66, 65, 69 282: T Kite 77, 69, 66, 70 283: T Tolles 72, 72, 72, 67. 284: T Watson 75, 68, 69, 72 285: P Stankowski 68, 74, 69, 74, C Rocca (It) 71, 69, 70, 74 286: B Langer (Ger) 72, 72, 74, 68; J Leonard, 76, 69, 71, 70; D Love 72, 71, 72, 71, F Couples 72, 69, 73, 72, J Sluman 74, 67, 72, 73 287: S Elkington (Aus) 76, 72, 72, 67; W Wood 72, 76, 71, 68 P-U Johansson (Swe) 72, 73, 73, 69, T Lehman 73, 76, 69, 69, J M Olazábal (Sp) 71, 70, 74, 72 288: M Calcavecchia 74, 73, 72, 69 V Singh (Fiji) 75, 74, 69, 70 F Funk 73, 74, 69, 72, E Els (SA) 73, 70, 71, 74 289: J Huston 67, 77, 75, 70, S Appleby (Aus) 72, 76, 70, 71; J Parnevik (Swe) 73, 72, 71, 73. 292: C Stadler 77, 72, 71, 72, L Janzen 72, 73, 74, 73 291: L Westwood (GB) 77, 71, 73, 70; N Price (Zim) 72, 70, 75, 74. 293: J Furyk 74, 75, 72, 72; P Azinger, 69, 73, 77, 74 294: L Mize 79, 69, 74, 72, S McCarron 77, 71, 72, 74 M O'Meara 75, 74, 70, 75 C Montgomerie (GB) 72, 67, 74, 81 295: A Lyle (GB) 73, 73, 74, 75, F Zoeller 75, 73, 69, 78 296: D Waldorf 74, 75, 72, 75 297: D Frost (SA), 74, 71, 73, 79 298: S Hoch 79, 68, 73, 78 299: J Nicklaus 77, 70, 74, 78; S Torrance (GB) 75, 73, 73, 78; I Woosnam (GB) 77, 68, 75, 79 300: M Ozaki (Japan) 74, 74, 74, 78 301: C Pavin 75, 74, 78, 74, C Rose 73, 75, 79, 74. 302: B Crenshaw 75, 73, 74, 80 303: F Nobilo (NZ) 76, 72, 74, 81

DAIHATSU JUNIOR TOUR: National Tour (East Sussex National) Leading scores: 74: G Gillatt (Rossendale), T Collins (Three Rivers) (Gillatt won on countback). 75: J Dickinson (Saffron Walden), A Colley (Ladbrook Park), A Ward (Whittington Heath) 76: P Holland (East Herts), R Hedley (Canons Brook), K Johnson (Frilford Heath) J Cook (Woburn), C Stevenson (Whittington Heath), C Allen (St George's Hill), A Keeton (Castle Eden) 77: A Pye (Braintree), P Barrow (North Oxford).

HOCKEY

HA CUP: Semi-final draw: Reading (holders) v St Albans, Surbiton v Teddington. Ties to be played on April 27

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston 7 Pittsburgh 3; Hartford 2 Tampa Bay 1, St Louis 3 Detroit 1, Chicago 5 Dallas 2; Washington 8 Buffalo 3; Philadelphia 5 New Jersey 4; Los Angeles 4; Colorado 2

MOTOR RACING

LONG BEACH, California: Long Beach IndyCar race: 1, A Zanardi (It, Reynard-Honda) 105 laps; 2, M Gugelmin (Br, Reynard-Mercedes), 3, S Pruett (US, Reynard-Ford); 4, A Unser Jr (US, Penske-Mercedes); 5, P Johnstone (US, Reynard-Honda), 6, B Herta (US, Reynard-Ford) all same lap

MOTOR RALLYING

RALLY OF SPAIN: Leading positions (after first day) 1, C McRae (GB, Subaru) 1:04:17, 2, P Liatti (It, Subaru) 1:04:18; 3, T Makinen (Fin, Mitsubishi) 1:04:29; 4, A Medeghini (It, Subaru) 1:06:05, 5, C Sainz (Sp, Ford) 1:05 13, 6, J Azcona (Sp, Peugeot) 1:05:28

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Oldham Bears 19 Paris Saint-Germain 18

AUSTRALIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Canterbury Bulldogs 16 Cronulla Sharks 6

SNOOKER

IRTHLINGBOROUGH: Dr Martens European League: Group C: K Doherty bt P Ebdon 6-2

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Newcastle 52 Stoke 37

SKEGNESS: Central Engineering Lincolnshire Trophy: 1 B Werner (Long Eaton) 15, 2 N Tatum (Oxford) 13, 3 J Wilson (Skegness) 12, 4 W Carter (Skegness) 11

SQUASH

BRACKNELL: Hewlett Packard Open: Men: Final: R Eyles (Aus) bt B Martin (Aus) 7-9, 3-9, 9-6, 9-6, 9-6. Women: final: S Fitz-Gerald (Aus) bt M Martin (Aus) 9-4, 9-3, 9-6.

TABLE TENNIS

GLASGOW: Commonwealth championships: Men: Group A: England 4 South Africa 0 (England names first A Perry bt S Overmeyer 21-11, 21-8; B Billington bt K Petersen 21-16, 21-18; G Herbert bt D Goedecke 21-14, 21-10; Perry and G Herbert b G Petersen and Overmeyer 21-9, 21-14)

TENNIS

HONG KONG: Men's tournament: Final: M Chang (US) bt P Rafter (Aus) 6-3, 6-3.

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida: Women's tournament: Final: L Davenport (US) bt M Pierce (Fr) 6-2, 6-3

TOKYO: Japan Open: Men: First round: J Golmard (Fr) bt D Flach (US) 6-2, 6-4; T Suzuki (Japan) bt A Thoms (Ger) 6-4, 6-2, M Sinner (Ger) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ) 6-3, 6-4; S Lareau (Can) bt S Simian (Fr) 6-3, 6-2, K Alami (Ger) bt Y Yamamoto (Japan) 6-2, 7-5, J-F Fleurian (Fr) bt J Grabb (US) 6-3, 6-2. O Delaitre (Fr) bt R Smith (Bah) 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, H Holm (Swe) bt M Joyce (US) 6-3, 6-4, R Sabau (Rom) bt T Shimada (Japan) 6-2, 6-2; F Fetterlein (Den) bt G Motomura (Japan) 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 Women: First round: C Morariu (US) bt Park Sung-Hee (S Kor) 6-3, 6-2; A Sugiyama (Japan) bt G Helgeson-Nielsen (US) 6-3, 7-5, Wang Shi-Ting (Taiwan) bt H Inoue (Japan) 6-1, 6-1; R Hiraki (Japan) bt R Grande (It) 6-1, 5-7, 6-3; M Tu (US) bt A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) 6-4, 6-0; Y Yoshida (Japan) bt A Glass (Ger) 6-1, 4-1, ret, M Saeki (Japan) bt T Tanasugarn (Thai) 6-3, 6-4

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday April 19

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA PREMIERSHIP	
1 Arsenal v Blackburn	1
2 Chelsea v Leicester	1
3 Newcastle v Derby	1
4 Nottm F v Leeds	2
5 Sheff W v Wimbledon	1
6 West Ham v Everton	1

FIRST DIVISION	
7 Bradford v Birm'gham	X
8 Charlton v Portsmouth	2
9 C Palace v Barnsley	2
10 Grimsby v Reading	2
11 Hudd'field v W Brom	X
12 Man City v QPR	1
13 Oldham v Bolton	2
14 Oxford v Swindon	X
15 Tranmere v Sheff Utd	X
16 Wolves v Southend	1

SECOND DIVISION	
17 Burnley v Rotherham	1
18 Chesterfield v Millwall	1
19 Gillingham v Blackp'l	X
20 Luton v Shrewsbury	1
21 Plymouth v Walsall	2
22 Wrexham v Watford	1
23 Wycombe v B'nem'th	X
24 York v Bristol C	2

THIRD DIVISION	
25 Barnet v Cardiff	1
26 Cambr'ge v Brighton	2
27 Chester v Scarboro	1
28 Darl'gton v Hartlepool	X
29 Doncaster v Fulham	2
30 Hereford v Torquay	1
31 Hull v Leyton O	X
32 Lincoln v Scunthorpe	2
33 North'pton v Exeter	1
34 Swansea v Mansfield	1

SCOTTISH PREMIER	
35 Hearts v Dunfermline	1
36 Kilmarn'k v Hibernian	1
37 Moth'well v Dundee U	X

SCOTTISH FIRST	
38 Clydebank v Falkirk	2
39 Dundee v St Mirren	1
40 G Morton v Airdrie	2
41 St Johnstone v E Fife	1
42 Stirling v Partick	1

SCOTTISH SECOND	
43 Berwick v Hamilton	2
44 Clyde v Ayr	2
45 Liv'gston v Dumb'ton	1
46 Stenh'muir v Q of S'th	X
47 Stranraer v Brechin	1

SCOTTISH THIRD	
48 Cowdenbeath v Alloa	1
49 E Stirling v Inverness	2

DRAWS (home teams): Bradford, Huddersfield, Oxford, Tranmere, Gillingham, Wycombe, Darlington, Hull, Motherwell, Stenhousemuir

BEST DRAWS: Bradford, Tranmere, Gillingham, Wycombe, Motherwell

AWAYS: Leeds, Barnsley, Bolton, Bristol City, Falkirk

HOMES: Arsenal, Newcastle, Sheffield Wednesday, Wolves, Burnley, Barnet, Hereford, Northampton, St Johnstone, Livingston

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Arsenal, Burnley, Barnet, Hereford, Northampton Aways: Leeds, Barnsley, Hamilton Draws: Bradford, Tranmere, Motherwell

☐ Vince Wright

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

This example of an end-play is unusual, but becomes obvious when you focus on dummy's entry problems.

Dealer South North-South game Rubber bridge

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                ♠ 6 4
                ♥ Q 3
                ♦ 7 4 2
                ♣ Q 10 9 8 7 3

♠ 9 8 7              N          ♠ J 10 3 2
♥ J 5             W     E       ♥ A 9 7 6 2
♦ Q J 10 8 6         S          ♦ K 5
♣ J 6 2                         ♣ K 5

                ♠ A K Q 5
                ♥ K 10 8 4
                ♦ A 9 3
                ♣ A 4
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Contract: Three No-trumps by South. Lead: queen of diamonds

South opens Two No-trumps and North raises to Three No-trumps. East plays the king of diamonds on the queen. How should South play?

It looks as though diamonds are 5-2 or 6-1, so it is correct to duck the king of diamonds. Now East continues with a second diamond. Even if you establish the clubs in two rounds, you have to get to dummy to cash them. Here is the dilemma: if West has the ace of hearts he will be able to win and cash winning diamonds; if East has the ace, the queen of hearts will not be an entry.

This is the solution. Win the second diamond and cash three spades. Now play ace and another club. You have to assume East has the king — after all, it looks as though West has three winning diamonds — so you put in the ten. After winning the king of clubs, East can cash a spade, but then he has to lead away from the ace of hearts, allowing dummy entry to the winning clubs.

Note declarer had to take the second diamond. If he holds up to the third round, the defence would make too many tricks. Also, note that East could have beaten the contract by switching to a heart at trick two — that removes the queen of hearts from dummy before the clubs are established.

☐ The National Pairs was won at the weekend by the Yorkshire duo of Graham Jepson and Peter Littlewood. The National Newcomers' Pairs was won by Janet Weitz and Alan Swedloff, of Hertfordshire.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

EMBLIC
- a. The coign of an entablature
- b. A constipating fruit
- c. A fricative diphthong

DECURY
- a. To remove fleas
- b. A barren fig tree
- c. A squad of ten

EXPERGEFACTOR
- a. An alarm clock
- b. An aperient drug
- c. A non-vulgar fraction

DANDY
- a. A cocked hat
- b. A card game
- c. A portable hammock

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

World championship

Contradictory reports continue to circulate concerning the likely venue for the next world championship. *The Times* has already noted a claim by French organisers that a match between Kasparov and Karpov for $3 million will commence in Compiègne on October 21. This claim was contradicted by Garry Kasparov, who has announced his own "world championship" for Linares next year.

The respected international chess review *Schachwoche*, however, has insisted in a recent editorial that the French claim is a valid one. Meanwhile Fide, the World Chess Federation, has announced that its $5 million 100-player knockout for the Fide world championship will take place in Groningen and Kalmykia in December 1997 and January 1998.

No world championship will be considered worthy of the name unless both Kasparov and Karpov are competing. The game today shows Karpov in fine form against Nigel Short, of Great Britain.

White: Nigel Short
Black: Anatoly Karpov

Dos Hermanas, April 1997

Caro-Kann Defence

1	e4	c6
2	d4	d5
3	e5	Bf5
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22	Rd3	f4
23	Qd1	Rc6
24	Ne1	Rce6
25	Nc2	Qb7
26	f3	Nd6
27	b3	Nf5
28	Qd2	h5
29	Re1	a5
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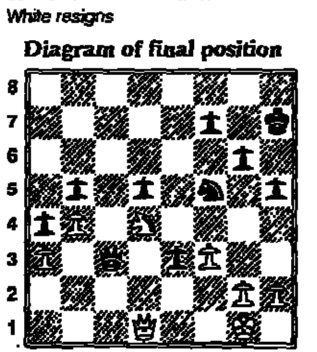
White resigns

Diagram of final position



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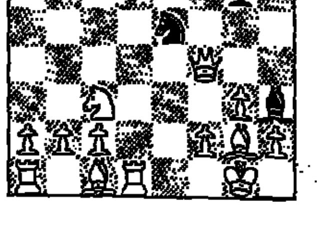
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. From the game Aitken — Keffler, Newquay 1954. White is a couple of pawns ahead, but his lack of development and the black forces are a problem. How does Black now strike quickly before White has a chance to organise his defences?



Solution on page 50

England ready to spring into summer of vital challenges

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Mark Wagh, left, the Oxford University captain, and Roger Newman, the cricket manager, complete their preparations at the Parks

Ashes can rekindle optimism

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, says the fortunes of the national team have never been more important on eve of a new season

Today it may creep among us slowly, with the time-honoured rituals at Fenner's and the Parks, but this is an illusory entrance. The new English cricket season has a rare resonance, a relevance that extends way beyond the summer at hand.

If any significance can be found in the traditional opening fixtures at the universities, where Derbyshire and Durham flex their muscles today, it is in the air of pregnant tension that heralds this season, for it is a little like the taking of final exams: mess it up this time and there is a long and unappealing road ahead.

All manner of people will have us believe that English cricket is in a terminally moribund state. This is not quite accurate. There is a serious problem with England cricket, which has become weak and retrograde, but this has not blighted the health of the broader game. Not yet, anyway.

Indeed, the soaring popularity of the summer game advertises itself variously. *Wisden* and *Playfair* are outselling Delia Smith; Test match tickets are being snapped up as never before; sponsors continue to jostle for prominence; and provided that the market-place is fair — something that the next government must address by removing Test cricket from the "protected" list of sports — the finances of the game are secure.

But still the cry goes up: England cannot win a worthwhile series. This is what concerns the majority of those with a passing interest in the game, and it is an argument difficult to refute. The national team has not beaten West Indies since 1969, Pakistan since 1982 or Australia since 1987. Two series against South Africa were respectively drawn and lost, so it is ten years since England defeated any of the best Test sides.

Too long, far too long. The patrons remain faithful, very English in their forbearance, but such stoicism cannot endure forever. It may not last the year if the worst happens and England's dismal recent record against Australia (two wins and 14 defeats in the past four series) is continued, and if the goodwill towards England evaporates, the implications are dire.

Like it or not — and still there are plenty in the shires who resent it — the priorities must now move away from the uniquely madcap maelstrom that has for years been the county programme and focus squarely on the needs of the England team. There are signs of this occurring, to a background of arm-twisting and reluctance, but much still needs to be done.

Fortunately, the new commanders recognise the urgency of the situation. Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth and Tim Lamb, chairman and chief executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), have promised to tackle the issues that matter. These include the demeanour and public perception of the England team, especially when overseas. Starting today, an elite squad will spend three days at a seminar designed to aid them in all areas of their job other than actually playing the game — in other words, to make them better people. It should have happened years ago, but let us be thankful for belated enlightenment.

Lord MacLaurin and Lamb have also said that they will confront the sores of domestic cricket and will not be timid about pushing for reform. They have mentioned, specifically, the notion of a two-division county championship, which cannot be much longer delayed, the overcrowding that comes from three one-day competitions and the perennial debate about returning to uncovered pitches.

I hope they also include overseas players on the agenda. Among the most feeble decisions to emanate from Lord's last year was the abandonment of the proposed moratorium on the signing of overseas players. Certain counties had panicked, thinking that they could not prosper without their foreigner. What nonsense.

This season is starting with the shambles of six counties, a third of the championship field, still unable to confirm their overseas player owing to either the late naming of the Australia touring team or the uncertain availability of West Indians.

Indians, Pakistanis and Sri Lankans are increasingly committed to their national teams year-round, leaving second-rate imports taking up places that could beneficially be occupied by young Englishmen, a good deal of dressing-room resentment and a guarantee of annual chaos. The system is now a liability.

Even played on a dwindling number of outgrounds, county cricket will retain its timeless appeal, but the truth is that unless it is competitive, in its cricket and its marketing, it will be failing in the modern scrap for sporting territory and it will be failing the national team.

Which brings us back to the Ashes, and Michael Atherton's mission to end a decade of subservience. He has a management team with which he empathises strongly — the coach, David Lloyd, now joined by David Graveney, Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting, selectors who share age and outlook. There is the nucleus of a settled team in place. There is reason to hope.

Victory over Australia at Edgbaston in the first week of June might not prompt such scenes as were enacted yesterday in Dhaka, where half a million Bangladeshis turned out to acclaim their national team after victory in the ICC Trophy, but it would bring a concerted sigh of relief from almost as many.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *49*

EMBLIC

(b) The fruit of *Emblica officinalis*, a tree of the natural order *Euphorbiaceae*. Its flowers are aperient, but on the other hand its leaves and bark a remedy against dysentery. From the medieval *Latin emblica and Arabic amlaj*. "The emblic Myrobalan is of a dark blackish grey colour."

DECURY

(c) In Roman history, a division consisting of ten men, a company or body of ten. Applied also to larger classes and divisions, eg of the judges, scribes, etc. A portmanteau of *decem* ten and *centuria* and century. Grote, *Greece*, 1847: "Five thousand of these citizens were arranged in ten panels or decuries of 500 each."

EXPERGEFACTOR

(a) One who, or that which, awakens: an awakener. From the Latin *expergere* to awake, rouse + *facere* to make or cause. 1823: "The newly invented Hydraulic Expergefactor rings a bell at the time when a person wishes to rise."

DANDY

(c) A kind of vehicle used in the Himalaya, consisting of a strong cloth slung like a hammock to a bamboo staff, and carried by two (or more, depending on the size of the sahib) men. From the Hindi word for a staff or oar. "As the darkness closed in, my dandy-wallahs stumbled, so that I had to give up the attempt to use the dandy, and struggle on on foot."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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TABLE TENNIS

Radford gets a head start

LINDA RADFORD, whose mother, Lesley, was a member of England's European title-winning squad in the 1970s, made a victorious debut for her country at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow yesterday, when both the women's and men's teams made solid progress towards the second stage of the Commonwealth table tennis championships (Richard Eaton writes).

The England men secured 4-0 victories over South Africa and Mauritius, and the women, after a 4-0 success against New Zealand, meet South Africa this morning. Radford, 21, made a competent start, beating Debbie Garrett, the New Zealand No 3, 21-11, 21-10.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Nationwide League
First division
Barnsley v Oldham (7 45)
Birmingham v Tranmere (7.45)
Crystal Palace v Stoke (7 45)

Second division
Blackpool v Luton
Brentford v Chesterfield (7 45)
Bristol City v Wrexham (7 45)
Bury v Crewe (7 45)
Notts County v Plymouth (7.45)
Wycombe v Burnley (7.45)

Third division
Cardiff v Scunthorpe
Hull v Colchester

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Raith v Rangers (7 45)

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford v Baldock (7 45) *Crawley v Dorchester*; Hastings v Salisbury *Midland division*: Grantham v Corby (7 45), Raunds T v Shepshed D; Redditch v Hinckley Town Tamworth v Bedworth *Southern division*: Fleet T v Margate (7 45), Trowbridge v Witney; Weston-super-Mare v Clevedon *Cup Final: first leg*: Burton Albion v Sudbury Tn

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division. Buxton v Knowsley: Frickley v Gainsborough; Guiseley v Marine Lancaster v Alfreton; Runcorn v *Bamber Bridge. Witton v Winsford* First division: Congleton v Curzon Ashton; Great Harwood v Farsley Celtic. Radcliffe v Ashton United. Warrington v Workington; *Worksop v Lincoln United*

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Hendon (7 45), Boreham Wood v Yeading; Dulwich v Sutton United; Grays v Staines (7 45); *Heybridge v Enfield First division:* Barton Rovers v Wokingham; Canvey Island v Bognor Regis. Tooting and Mitcham v Thame. Uxbridge v Billericay Worthing v *Abingdon Town Second division: Barking* v Edgware; Bedford T v Ware, Bracknell v Banstead; Collier Row and Romford v Leatherhead. Horsham v Tilbury; Wembley v Witham. Third division: Epsom and Ewell v Wingate and Finchley. Hertford v Northwood: Hornchurch v Aveley; Southall v Clapton

OTHER Manchester United v Celtic (8 0)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Oxford United v Norwich

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: First division. Coventry v Aston Villa (7 0)

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division. Derry v Shamrock; Finn *Harps v Shelbourne. St Patrick's Ath v Sligo* (7 45)

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Chatham v Deal (7 45), Herne Bay v *Thamesmead (7 45): Hythe v Whitstable* Town

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgwater v Mangotsfield; Westbury v Paulton R

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Arlesey v Milton Keynes; *Harpenden v Royston (7 45)*

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: League Cup: Semi-final: Tottenham v West Ham

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Coleshill v Kings Heath (6 20). Highgate v Studley BKL (6 20)

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon United v Endsleigh; Bicester v North Leigh; Brackley v Carterton; Burnham v Lambourn Sports.

COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES: Premier division: Corinthian-Casuals v Merstham; Cove v Ashford

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Nantwich Town v Eastwood Hanley

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Ford United v Stansted. Southend Manor v *East Ham*

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division (7 45): Felixstowe v Halstead, Lowestoft v Gorleston; Newmarket v Harwich and Parkeston. Watton v Fakenham; Woodbridge Town v Bury Town

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First *division: Hailsham v Eastbourne Town.*

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arnold v Liversedge, Hucknall Town v Belper Town; Ossett Town v North Ferriby

RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs Championship
First division
Harlequins v Bristol (7 30)
Sale v Saracens (7 15)

Welsh League
First division
Newbridge v Ebbw Vale (7.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League
Leeds v Castleford (7 30)
St Helens v Salford (7.30)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Second division: Hull Dockers v Milford (7 30)

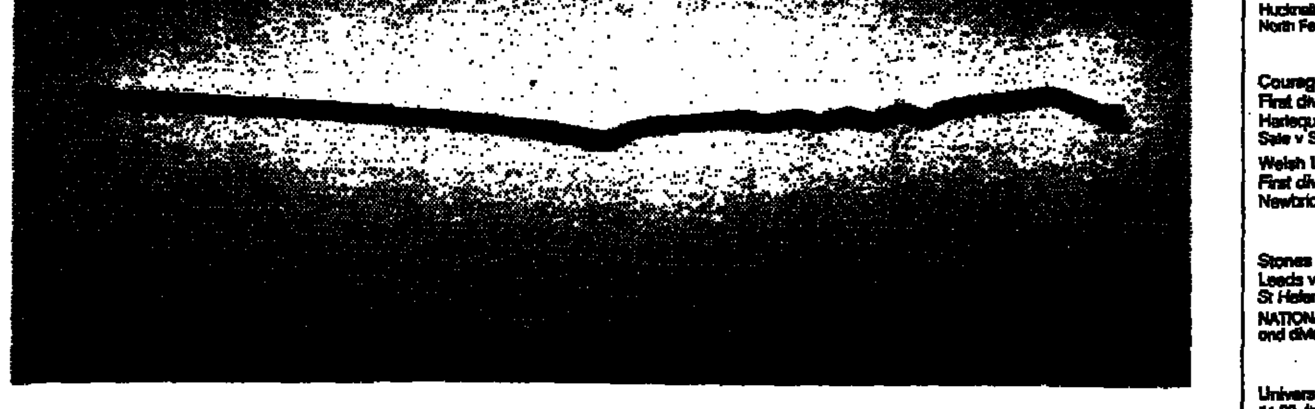
CRICKET

University matches
11 30, first day of three
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Derbyshire
The Parks: Oxford University v Durham

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Championship play-offs: Second leg: London v Newcastle (7 30); Sheffield v Manchester (at *Ponds Forge ISC*, 7 30).

TABLE TENNIS: Commonwealth championships (at Glasgow)



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TELEVISION CHOICE

A runaway train of success

The Thomas the Tank Engine Man
BBC2, 7.30pm

The death last month of the Rev Wilbert Awdry is the best possible excuse for showing again John Mair's affectionate tribute both to the man and the power of his creation. When Awdry created Thomas the Tank Engine to amuse a small son ill with measles, he could not have anticipated that the stories would spawn a multi-million pound industry. Nor did he approve, though you have to read between the lines of this last extensive interview to gauge his true feelings. The film reveals that Thomas merchandise earns as much as the books, a ruthless commercialisation of simple tales devised for family consumption. Astonishingly, Thomas is as big in Japan as he is here. It all seems a long way from a country clergyman of modest demeanour and traditional outlook. The readings from the stories are by no less a voice than Sir John Gielgud's.

Children's Hospital
BBC1, 8.00pm

What saves this series from the accusation that it is an intrusion into family suffering is that the message is fundamentally positive. Some of the children featured are very ill indeed and nobody pretends otherwise. Tonight's patients at the Alder Hey hospital in Liverpool include Cameron who is only 18 months old and has severe brain damage. He has been close to death several times and faces a difficult operation. Yet for Cameron, and its other sick children, Alder Hey offers the best hope that high professional skills and impressive technology can give. If the beleagured NHS wanted a public vote of confidence, this is the show to provide it. Also tonight, eight-year-old Danielle goes under the knife to make good two alarmingly big holes in her skull and we pick up on the progress of the hole-in-the-heart twins, Katy and Aimee.

Wild Britain: Those Crazy Coots
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Coots and moorhens are among Britain's leading water birds and have a more surprising natural history than most of us are aware of. That, at least, is the contention of a film which aims to reveal the birds in all their quirky splendour. The coot is the more excitable, fiercely protecting its nesting sites and aggressive out of all proportion to its size. Even fellow coots are not immune from its attacks, while ducks and swans are shown retreating in disarray. The moorhen is quieter but no less vicious when it comes to driving out intruders. The brightly coloured chicks of both species come as a eye-catching surprise, and almost justify the film on their own. But nature being what it is, the vivid crimson heads and yellow ruffs are there for a practical purpose.

Danielle and her mum (BBC2, 8.00pm)

Witness: The Men Who Pay for Sex
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A programme which has six men talking about their experiences with prostitutes may appeal for the wrong reasons but there is little that is titillating in these accounts and much pain. For a disc jockey in his thirties paid sex has become a substitute for an inability to make lasting attachments. Less explicable is the behaviour of a 22-year-old who claims to be so good at pulling the birds that you wonder why he needs prostitutes. The other men are, or have been, married. One husband became so addicted to prostitutes that he travelled to Amsterdam for them, once pawning his wedding ring to raise the money. The saddest story comes from a former RAF pilot in his seventies who admits that when his second wife found out about his relationship with a prostitute it hastened her death. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Quincy Jones — The Dude and his Music
Radio 2, 9.00pm

Under its new Controller, James Moir, Radio 2 has embarked on a policy of attracting more of the under-45 age group, though without losing the present, older, audience. This programme ought to appeal to both, for Jones has been around music for 50 years and he has worked with everyone from jazz greats such as Duke Ellington to contemporary artists including Michael Jackson and Chaka Khan. As Moira Stuart's programme shows, Jones has not been short of critics who accused him of selling out, something that is levelled at everyone who attempts to work in more than one music field (and especially the ones who are successful). But the quality of Jones's record productions has rarely slipped.

Night Waves
Radio 3, 10.45pm

This is a nightly programme that has the benefit of surprise: you never quite know what is going to turn up, but it is nearly always worth hearing. Tonight's main item, introduced by Richard Coles, is a must for fans of American crime fiction for it features the work of the late Chester Himes, one of the few people this century to have benefited from being sentenced to 20 years in jail for armed robbery. That was in 1928. In jail, he started writing and invented two of the genre's great characters, the Harlem-based detectives, Coffin Ed Johnson and Gravedigger Jones. The point of re-assessing Himes now is that his novel *Plan B* is about to be published in Britain for the first time. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley, includes at **1.15pm** the Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell, includes the Afternoon Lovefeast **4.00** Kevin Greening **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** Digital Update **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs **1.00am** Claire Sturgess **4.00** Clive Warren with the Early Breakfast Show

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken *Bruce* **11.30** *Jimmy Young* **1.30pm** *Debbie Thrower* **3.00** *Ed* Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Alan Freeman: Their Greatest Bits (2/13) **8.00** Nigel Ogden **9.00** Quincy Jones — The Dude *and his Music. See Choice* **9.30** *Best of Order.* Paul Shane looks back to the golden age of working men's clubs **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, includes Racing Preview **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** The Tuesday Match introduced by Simon Mann **10.00** Brian Hayes's Election Night **12.00** After Hours with Vincent Hanna **2.00am** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** *Peter Deeley* **7.00** *Moz Dee's Sportszone* **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **5.30am** Europe Today **7.15** World Today **7.30** Policy and Prejudice **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** My Generation **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** A Cry in the Dark **9.30** Everywoman **10.00** Business **10.15** Making of Hamlet **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Sport **11.30** On Screen **12.30pm** Policy and Prejudice **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Health Matters **2.30** Sport **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sport **4.15** A Cry in the Dark **4.30** Greenfield Collection **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.15** World Today **6.30** Science **6.45** Sport **7.30** One Planet **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Megamix **10.05** Business **10.15** *Britain Today* **10.30** *Meridian* **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Megamix **1.30** Farming **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Discovery **3.15** Sport **3.30** *Meridian* **4.05** *Business* **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **7.00** Mike Read **10.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Election '97 **1.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Neruda (Trumpet Concerto in E flat minor); Sibelius (Violin Concerto in D Minor, Op 47); **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Classic Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Mendelssohn (Piano Sonata in B flat, Op 106); **8.00** Evening Concert. Rossini (William Tell Overture); Brahms (Variations on the theme of Haydn); Delius (On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring); Elgar (Symphony in E flat major, Op 63 No 2) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Lunchtime Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy *Clark* **4.00** *Nicky Horne* **6.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor Includes Kuhnau (Biblical Sonata in G minor, No 2); Tchaikovsky (Suite No 3 in G); Nielsen (Overture: Helios); Schubert (Piano Sonata in C, D840); Gershwin (Summertime, Porgy and Bess); Stravinsky (Ballet Music: The Fairy's Kiss)

9.00am Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes Haydn (Piano Trio in C, HXV 27); Loewe (Die Drei Leider, Op 3 No 4); Berlioz (Romeo and Juliet, excerpts)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris De Souza. Includes Shostakovich (Satire); Haydn (Symphony in G minor, No 3); Brahms (Three Motets, Op 110); Debussy (Cello Sonata); Bartok (Romanian Folk Dances); Howells (Gloria, Missa Sabrinensis); David Monrad Johansen (Pictures from Northern Norway); Tchaikovsky (Francesca da Rimini)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Forgotten Giants of the 18th Century. Paul Guinery introduces highlights of Johann Adolf Hasse's *Cleofide* With Emma Kirkby, Derek Lee Ragin, and Capella Coloniensis, under William Christie

1.00pm BBC Orchestras: The Romantic Piano. Marc-Andre Hamelin, piano, with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Martyn Brabbins. Liszt (Prometheus); Rachmaninov (Vocalise); Henselt (Piano Concerto in F minor); Strauss (Don Juan, excerpts)

2.15 Voices: Bellini Songs. The Welsh tenor Dennis O'Neill introduces and sings the surviving songs of Vincenzo Bellini (r)

3.00 The BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under *Owain Arwel Hughes. Vaughan Williams* (Symphony No 2, A London Symphony)

4.00 Spirit of the Age. Christopher Page and Nicholas *Rogers visit Sidney Sussex College library,* Cambridge (r)

5.00 Music Machine: Hocket. Will Menter travels to *Zimbabwe in search of ngororombe pan-pipe* music, a traditional African use of the hocketing technique

5.15 In Tune, with Linda Ormiston. Prokofiev (Montagues and Capulets, Romeo and Juliet); Gavin Bryars (The Sinking of the Titanic); Saint Saëns (Mon Couer Ouvre a Ta Voix)

7.30 Vienna Old and New. Nicola Heywood Thomas introduces the second of three concerts given last year at the Point in Cardiff Bay. The Gould Trio. Korngold (Piano Trio, Op 1); Beat Furrer (Retour an Dich); Beethoven (Piano Trio in B flat, Op 97)

9.10 Amours de Voyages. Tom Paulin introduces the second of five selections from Arthur Hugh Clough's satirical novel. Claude sees a killing in the centre of Rome. With Nicholas Boulton, Samantha Bond and Maria Miles

9.30 Six by Two. Works for the flute by members of Les Six. Ileana Ruhemann, flute, Catherine Edwards, piano. Includes Honegger (Danse de la Chevre); Tailleferre (Pastorale)

9.50 Rachmaninov. The BBC Philharmonic under Vasili Sinaiski. Stravinsky (Concerto in E flat); Rachmaninov (Symphonic Dances) (r)

10.45 Night Waves. See Choice

11.30 Composer of the Week: Rozsa (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather. Includes part one of a concert celebrating 20 years of Birmingham Jazz With Barbara Thompson, Dave O'Higgins, Albert Mangelsdorff and the Julian *Joseph Trio*

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.00** Haydn (String Quartet in F sharp minor, Op 50 No 4), Bartok (String Quartet No 4) **3.00** Schools **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, includes Thought for the Day

9.00 News 9.05 Election Call. Peter Sissons puts listeners' questions to Dafydd Wigley, leader of Plaid Cymru. Call 0345-514614

10.00 News; Walston Goes Walkabout (FM). Oliver Walston wanders the back-roads of America's Deep South (2/6)

10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Women's Hour. Jenni Murray meets the musician Jocelyn Pook

11.30 All in the Mind, with Professor Anthony Clare A new series of the programme dealing with matters psychological and psychiatric Includes a look at a *new psychometric* instrument capable of identifying young people who are at risk from substance abuse

12.00 News; You and Yours. *Consumer news and* current affairs with Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm Word of Mouth. Russell Davies explores *words and the way we speak. This week he looks* at the Jewish Joke and the art of obloquy (3/6) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Books and Company. John Walsh looks at the British *reluctance* to read contemporary translations and Alain de Botton explains how Proust can change your life (6/8) (r)

2.30 Kiri. Dame Kiri Te Kanawa talks to June Knox-Mawer about her life and her music. Today she reflects on the professional challenges and personal rewards of growing older and also on her memories of working on Bernstein's recording of his *West Side Story* (r)

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, *with* Daire Brehan. Ray Brown receives a lesson in public speaking at the White Rose Ladies' Club in Pudsey

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. *Paul Vaughan reads* Philippa Gregory's new novel, *The Little House*, and talks to the author Walter Mosely

4.45 Short Story: Lilies and Lentils. Written by Helen Simpson. The story of an 18-year-old determined to escape the restriction of suburbia

5.00 PM, *with Charlie Lee-Potter and Chris Lowe* **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 No Commitments. *Simon Brett's drama following the lives of three* sisters. With Rosemary Leach, Nicola Pagett and Celia Imrie (5/6) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

8.00 Science Now. Peter Evans traces the origins of modern culture (r)

8.30 The New Sexual Nature. Dr Gillian Rice looks at the possible implications of being able to choose the sex of your baby (3/4) (r)

9.00 In Touch. Peter White with news and features for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Go-Between, by L. P. Hartley. Read *by John Rowe (7/10) (r)*

11.00 Mediumwave. A look at the week's media events with Vincent Hanna (r)

11.30 Plain Tales from the Rhododendrons. *The last* of the three-part series looking at life in Britain immediately after the Second World War (r)

12.00 News *incl* **12.27am** approx Weather

12.30am The Late Book: The Hammer Man, by Toni Cade Bambara Read by Lisa Bonet (r)

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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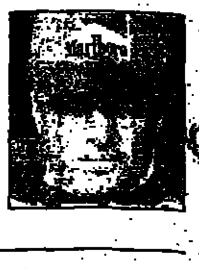

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America salutes player whose mastery transcended a tournament and captivated a nation

Golf wakes to dawn of the Tiger era

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN AUGUSTA

HISTORY has often been made here in Georgia. The old city, which once housed the largest cotton exchange in the South and still publishes its oldest newspaper, is where a new era dawned. Just after 5am yesterday, fingers of light broke through to brighten the first day of the Tiger era, golf's sixth since 1896.

It was fewer than 12 hours after Tiger Woods had slipped on his first green jacket as the 61st Masters champion and the first of African American heritage. He had broken half as many records as he had clubs in his bag and his smile was as wide as his 12-stroke winning margin. Soon, in a television interview, he would speak like a mature man possessed of a dignity that few golfers in the history of the game could rival.

Not for the first time, he would make everyone realise that he was a person whose appeal and skill transcended golf and could make him one of the best-known sporting figures in the world.

"I hope my victory will make kids think that golf is cool," Woods said, occasionally wiping his brow with a pianist's finger and from time to time flashing a disarming smile. "When someone not too far from their age, or even the same age, wins a tournament like this, then they think, 'hey, let's try this game.' I hope they will try it and so will their friends and so will their friends' friends. Golf used not to be cool, it is now."

Gary Player speaks with the authority of a South African when he talks of what Woods could do for the people of that continent. "Tiger has the opportunity to do something for the human race that no other golfer before him has," Player, three times a Masters champion, said. "Imagine the black people in Africa — 400 million watching Tiger Woods win the Masters. There has never been a world champion golfer who is a black golfer."

Woods, 21, toyed with his peers as he demonstrated that he has taken the game to a new level. Some of them, perhaps, were even frightened by what they saw at close range. Was it because Nick Faldo and Colin Montgomerie were so stunned by playing alongside Woods one day that they each took 81 the next? With his unrivalled blend of power and subtlety, his self-control and sense of purpose, Woods can change the face of the game in the way few have done in the past hundred years.

Starting in 1898, Harry Vardon "blazed out in full glory", according to Bernard Darwin. Vardon continued in similar vein for 16 years. Not until he had won his sixth Open, in 1914, and was beaten by Francis Ouimet, the amateur, in a play-off for the 1913 US Open, did Vardon's grip on golf falter.

His successor was quickly identified. Robert Tyre Jones, the gifted amateur from Atlanta, rarely played during the winter and competed in few tournaments in the summer. At 15, he travelled across the United States participating in a series of exhibition matches for the Red Cross. In 1923, aged 21, he won the US Open, and seven years later he capped his extraordinary career by winning the Amateur and Open Championships of the United States and Britain, a feat known as the Impregnable Quadrilateral. Having conquered the world of golf, he retired.

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From 1946 until 1955, Ben Hogan was dominant, his year to end all years coming in 1953 when he won the three major championships he entered — the Masters, US Open and Open. Almost immediately, a stocky, thrilling young man from Pennsylvania set the world of golf alight. Arnold Palmer reigned pretty much from 1958 until 1965, electrifying everyone with his slashing swing, a winsome smile and a magnetic personality.

In 1965, Jack Nicklaus raced away with the Masters, winning by nine strokes and causing Bobby Jones to utter: "He plays a game with which I am not familiar." Nicklaus's era ended in 1980 when he won two majors in his fortieth year, although in 1986 he captured the Masters for a sixth time — the eighteenth major of his career.

Not one of these men achieved the modern grand slam, all four professional major championships in one year, though Nicklaus won the Masters and US Open in 1972 and nearly caught Lee Trevino in the Open at Muirfield that summer. Now Woods has a chance. It is not, as the Americans say, "a given". Congressional Country Club, in Washington DC, as do all US Open courses, will have narrow fairways and ankle-high rough, defences that the Augusta National did not have.

If Woods triumphs there, then at Royal Troon in July he will have to cope with fairways that are like rumpled eiderdowns and slower greens with fewer subtleties than those at Augusta. Thus his exceptional length and skill will be less of an advantage. Strong winds could also hand his rivals an advantage. Despite all this, Woods, who has not scored higher than 73 this year, is a legitimate contender for golf's Holy Grail.

"If Tiger is playing well," Nicklaus said both at and about Augusta, "the golf course becomes nothing. I have never seen anyone come on the scene with such publicity, face up to the pressure and out-perform it."

"He is the best for his age there has ever been," Byron Nelson said, "so if he continues there is every reason for him to become the best there has ever been." Trevino said: "He copes with the pressure far better than I did, and goodness knows he is a better player than I ever was."

"The grand slam can be done," Woods said. "Phil Mickelson last year won four times. Well, if you can win the right tournaments four times, you have the slam. But it is difficult to win these because they are the majors. In order to win a big tournament you have to have a lot of luck. Then who knows?"

We know that Woods is truly exceptional. Last week proved as much. His win here now ranks him No 3 in the world. What happens over the years may be exceptional, too. For now, it is sufficient to say that what occurred at Augusta National was one of the greatest moments of the game, for sociological reasons as much as for sporting ones. It was the start of Tiger's era, and if what follows is half as good, then it will be some era.

Faldo, the 1996 champion, slips the coveted green jacket over Woods's shoulders after his record-breaking victory. Photograph: Timothy Clary

ROUND-BY-ROUND MARCH INTO THE MASTERS RECORD BOOKS

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Hole Par	1 4	2 5	3 4	4 3	5 4	6 3	7 4	8 5	9 4	10 4	11 4	12 3	13 5	14 4	15 5	16 3	17 4	18 4	OUT 36	IN 36	TOTAL 288
FIRST ROUND	[illegible]	5	4	4	4	3	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	3	3	[illegible]	4	40	30	70
SECOND ROUND	4	4	5	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	4	3	4	4	34	32	66
THIRD ROUND	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	3	3	5	4	4	3	4	3	32	33	65
FOURTH ROUND	4	4	4	3	5	3	5	4	4	4	3	3	4	3	5	3	4	4	36	33	69

FOUR ROUND TOTAL 270

RECORDS BROKEN

Margin of victory	12 strokes
Youngest winner	Aged 21
Final total	270
Second and third round total	131
Last 54-hole total	200

RECORDS EQUALLED

First 54 holes	201

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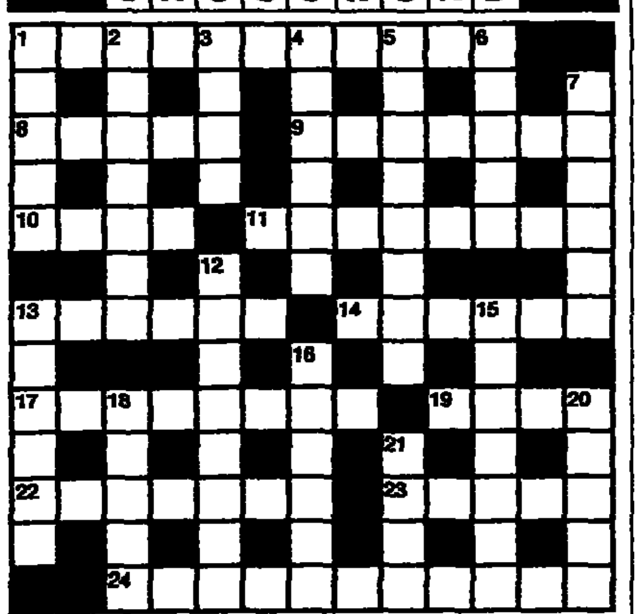

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1 Policy of caution (6,5)
8 African country, cap. Accra (5)
9 One's own got back (7)
10 At that time (4)
11 US president after Harding (8)
13 Rely (6)
14 3 Hall infestor; goes *pop* (6)
17 Jean —, Finnish composer (8)
19 Excess flesh, often *fought* (4)
22 Pentecost (7)
23 Threshing implement (5)
24 Dangerously seductive woman (5,6)

DOWN
1 (Ugly) vision (5)
2 Conspiracy (to convict) (5-2)
3 — of — Hall *(Wind in the Willows)* (4)
4 Pig litter (6)
5 Six-shooter (8)
6 Adjusted (to wavelength) (5)
7 Uncover (6)
12 USA personified (5,3)
13 Refuse responsibility for (6)
15 Dried grape (7)
16 Fine shade of meaning (6)
18 Short (5)
20 Swelling; WW2 battle (5)
21 Mercian king; sounds like *propose* (4)

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Atherton granted six-Test tenure

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ARGUMENT and speculation over the captaincy of Australia mounts with every passing day but, in an unexpected reversal of roles, England are exuding stability as the Ashes series approaches. Michael Atherton was yesterday reappointed to lead the team, and not just on the piecemeal basis he has endured in the past but for the entire summer.

David Graveney, announcing the decision as chairman of selectors, said it was made "in the interests of continuity. It will send out the right kind of message of confidence to the cricketing public and the Australians." Atherton, granted the chance he covets to overturn a decade of domination by Australia, will now equal Peter May's record of 41 Tests as England captain when the series opens at Edgbaston on June 5. Sometimes, it is hard to believe he is not yet 30.

Atherton: confidence vote

Whether or not the captain continues to serve on the selection panel will finally be resolved when the England management committee meets later this week. Graveney believes benefits will ensue from his removal and Atherton does not demur. "I am happy either way but I can see the job might be easier if I am not officially a part of the selection process. I would still have an input."

Alec Stewart, whose England career was ailing this time last year, yesterday received the player of the year award from the Test sponsors, Cornhill Insurance, after scoring more Test runs in a 12-month period than anyone in the world. Darren Gough, Robert Croft and Nick Knight won honourable mentions and all will be reunited at a three-day pre-season seminar which starts today.

This is one development in the ongoing process of treating England players more like adults in the hope that their behaviour will respond accordingly. It was a subject to which Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) returned when he spoke at the awards lunch in London.

MacLaurin, critical both of the ban on wives and families for last winter's tour and of the preparatory training week in Portugal, announced that henceforth England players would not be expected to share rooms when overseas. In addition to the single-room policy, he said, the Board would be ensuring that inferior hotels were eliminated from the team's itinerary. Perhaps they are considering one more managerial appointment at Lord's: Accommodation consultant: Rocco Forte.

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Supporters count the cost of success

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

THE groans that greeted Chesterfield's late equaliser in the FA Cup semi-final at Old Trafford on Sunday stemmed as much from the pockets as the mouths of the Middlesbrough fans. Following their team on their long and winding road through cup and league this season is becoming an expensive pastime.

Eight days ago, a late goal by Emile Heskey, of Leicester City, condemned the fans to another away day at Hillsborough tomorrow for the Coca-Cola Cup final replay: defensive frailty in the last minute of a topsy-turvy tie on Sunday meant a repeat trip to Sheffield next week. Another £70 on the account, another dip into the ever diminishing holiday reserves.

Counting the cost has taken on new meaning for the Teesside faithful, whose starvation diet has ended in an orgy of big-time cup games. None for 120 years, six in as many weeks (two Coca-Cola Cup semi-final matches v Stockport, two finals v Leicester, two FA Cup semi-finals v Chesterfield).

"We were moaning about the cost of it all as we left Old Trafford on Sunday," Simon Bolton, of the Middlesbrough Supporters' Club, said, "and the thing is we're no further on from where we were ten days ago. We've won nothing yet. Two minutes to go at Wembley, one minute at Old Trafford — those three minutes have cost us so much. If we get through to the Cup Final and that goes to a replay, I don't even want to think about it."

Bolton, like so many of his fellow fans, has not dared to keep a ledger on a passion for Middlesbrough that has survived more or less intact over the past 20 years. He is a journalism student at Cleveland College and neatly dovetails his support with a Saturday job as a steward at the Riverside Stadium. That saves the cost of a season ticket. Journeys to away games have set him back more than £500, not counting the cost of a night at a hotel before the first Coca-Cola Cup final at Wembley and extras (about £120).

"I've no idea how guys with families or on the dole manage," he said. "I think a lot of people have scrapped their summer holidays to pay for this. We've never got to this stage before and then, all of a sudden, we're playing semi-finals and finals every week. We're becoming a bit sick of it, then you say: 'Hold on a minute, we've waited years for all this. This is dreamland.' It would just be nice if it was a bit more spread out."

And the cups have made the horrors of the FA Carling Premiership more bearable. Visits to Tottenham Hotspur, Manchester United, Leeds United and Blackburn Rovers will add another £150 to the bill as Middlesbrough face, perhaps, five games in a week to stave off relegation. Bolton will be there for the lot. "Just think, we could be playing Ajax next season, or Barcelona ..." And Stoke City, Reading or Swindon Town.

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